

NUI Galway Societies

End of Year Report

2015-16



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Societies Officer Foreword

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. Not only do they add to the social, cultural environment of the university. They also 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, and 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 Society Leadership and Alive application. (Leadership Report page 5)

560 Society members completed their ALIVE Certificate, The total number of hours volunteered by society ALIVE participants is 104445 which is the equivalent of 60 full time workers and only represents a percentage of the total number of students on committees. 239 received the society leadership award as part of their Alive Cert.

To appreciate their impact here are some of our statistics which can be seen in full detail in the report. This year 107 societies completed their end of year report. We saw a number of new societies formed. The Societies had an income of €940,948 of this only 19.91% came from the University in direct grants. They raised €222,470 for charity. Societies posted 2290 events on the societies' calendar and including committee meetings held 4051 events. They had a total membership of 55,672 which represents 8,755 individual students.

Societies won numerous national awards including four Awards at the BICS National Society Awards, the two Best Society awards, for Med Soc and Draiocht, Best Intervarsity Potter Fest for Potter Soc and Best Fresher for Ciaran MacChoncarraige. NUI Galway has more awards at BICS than any other college in Ireland and hosted the first BICS train Your Trainer Weekend. In the appendices you will find out more information about the society themed weeks, involvement in orientation, society and BICS awards, their great press coverage and society training.

Read on and hear in their own words in their individual about their year, the goals they set and how they felt they achieved them. You will see their lists of all the events they posted to the society calendar, how they fared financially, membership details and which of them received the ALIVE certificate. Welcome to the societies year 2015/16 happy reading.

Societies Balance Sheet - 2015/2016

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
Income Category	Amount		Expenditure Category	Amount	
Balls	€67,014.19	7.12%	Affill/Mem fees	€574.68	0.07%
Ecommerce Sales	€20,763.90	2.21%	Apparel	€3,169.72	0.37%
Equipment Rental	€156.00	0.02%	Ball	€177,083.74	20.45%
Fundraising	€201,467.58	21.41%	Bank charge	€5,194.86	0.60%
Hoodies	€2,674.10	0.28%	Costumes	€4,919.58	0.57%
Members Contributions	€9,523.37	1.01%	Dinner/Food	€29,818.20	3.44%
Muscait	€500.00	0.05%	Entertainment	€29,658.31	3.43%
Socs box Till	€148,283.75	15.76%	Entry fees	€38,411.79	4.44%
Sponsorship	€73,760.01	7.84%	Equipment misc	€17,721.84	2.05%
Ticket Sales	€229,426.29	24.38%	Euros	€100.00	0.01%
USC Grant	€187,379.54	19.91%	Fundraising / Charity	€222,470.21	25.69%
			Garda Vetting	€230.00	0.03%
			Gifts	€1,919.43	0.22%
			Hall hire	€13,392.50	1.55%
			Hire Bus	€11,438.50	1.32%
			Hoodies	€8,720.18	1.01%
			Lights	€9,727.82	1.12%
			Livestock	€100.00	0.01%
			Makeup/Props	€4,702.28	0.54%
			Materials	€9,193.77	1.06%
			Non Alcoholic Refresh	€14,579.24	1.68%
			Performing rights	€12,713.90	1.47%
			Phone	€76.40	0.01%
			Postage	€143.51	0.02%
			Printing	€5,154.48	0.60%
			Prizes	€12,959.09	1.50%
			Promotions	€1,777.51	0.21%
			Reception	€14,880.11	1.72%
			Security	€1,579.25	0.18%
			Services Hired	€36,120.96	4.17%
			Set	€10,492.65	1.21%
			Society accomm	€50,940.83	5.88%
			Society transport	€55,690.42	6.43%
			Socs day expenses	€1,857.87	0.21%
			Sound	€4,528.40	0.52%
			Speaker accomm	€11,012.74	1.27%
			Speaker travel	€14,404.40	1.66%
			Stationary	€1,943.56	0.22%
			Teacher fees	€25,776.00	2.98%
			Video Hire	€657.83	0.08%
Income Total	€940,948.73		Expenditure Total	€865,836.56	
Opening Balance Total	€296,492.49		Closing Bank Balance	€371,095.62	
			Cash In Hand Total	€509.04	
Total	€1,237,441.22		Total	€1,237,441.22	

Stats

	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	% change from last year	Trend	% change over average of last three years
Number of societies who completed the end of year report	92	96	102	105	105	112	107	-4.5%		0%
Number of individual students who are members	5,763	7,517	8,516	9,858	9,378	8,104	8,755	+8%		-4%
Societies' total membership	25,662	31,714	37,157	48,743	51,709	52,069	55,672	+6.9%		+10%
Number of committee members	616	737	863	988	908	939	1063	+13.2%		+12%
Society Turnover	905,564	1,160,108	1,010,904	763,878	915,919	1,111,627	1,237,441	+11.3%		+33%
Charity Fundraising	160,650	158,484	150,984	97,594	82,145	224,381	222,470	-0.9%		+65%
Socsbox Turnover	89,289	162,396	128,814	144,881	141,915	140,413	148,284	+5.6%		+4%
income	738,860	995,198	873,976	552,772	752,450	928,655	940,949	+1.3%		+26%
Total number of individual transactions	<i>No figures</i>	8,740	10,958	10,127	11,872	12,739	10,386*	-18.5%		-10%
ALIVE participants	315	339	490	673	646	524	559	+ 6.7 %		-24%
Leadership Programme participants	<i>No figures</i>	670	719	+7.3%						
Number of Societies events on calendar plus committee meetings	2,159	3,832	3,987	3,854	3,737	4,133	4051	-2.0%		-27%
Number of society events posted to the calendar							2290			
Total of all events booked into Aras na Mac Leinn	<i>No figures</i>	6,884	7,147	6,974	6,812	7,316	7,211	-1.4%		+3%
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	31,222	+6.1%		+1%

- Items are now also on sale on the webstore

Society Leadership Report 2015/16

The Leadership Award

How does the awards work?

The Leadership programme is open to all society committee members.

There are 4 easy steps

Setting the Society Goals and individual goals (step 1)

Fulfilling the requirements to be a society (step 2)

Reflecting (step 3)

Receiving Recognition and accreditation (step 4)

See the link below of how to participate in the programme, please note it is an integral part of being a society and is mandatory to receive funding so be sure to complete step 1 before you budget will be approved. Budget deadline Oct 15th.

Leadership Certificate

Committee members can add 'Society Leadership Award' to their ALIVE Certificate.

Instruction for the Societies:

Step 1

Step 1: Setting your goals (do this now)

Hold a committee meeting

1. Identify any outstanding training needs,
2. All who attended training must fill in the training feedback survey.
3. Create your society mission statement
4. What are your societies goals and objectives for the year
5. Fill in the on line form
6. Each of you committee members identify one or more learning outcomes they hope to achieve this year. Fill in the individual committee members goals for the year.

Step 2

Step 2: Be a Society

Have a great productive year and complete the following:

Your society must:

- Complete the leadership programme
- Submit all events to the society calendar
- Receipt expenditure and balance account on an on-going basis
- Host at least 4 events each semester
- Have over 100 members
- Have an up to date constitution on your profile (appendix 4)
- Have a society safety statement on your profile
- Have at least 4 people on your committee
- Complete your ALIVE application

Use this opportunity to also

- Up-date your constitution as appropriate
- Prepare and submit your budget
- Complete your safety statement and up load a pdf version to your profile.

Step 3 Reflection

Society committee:

At the end of the year hold a final meeting before you AGM, reflect on your year, on what goals and objectives you achieved, what you are most proud of and what the major challenges were.

Complete your society end of year reports and hold an AGM to elect a new committee.

Individual Committee members:

Individuals complete your Alive Application portfolio

Take the short survey

Step 4: Recognition & Accreditation

Leadership Certificate

Your Society must complete all steps of the leadership programme by the ALIVE deadline.

You must attend at least one society training session.

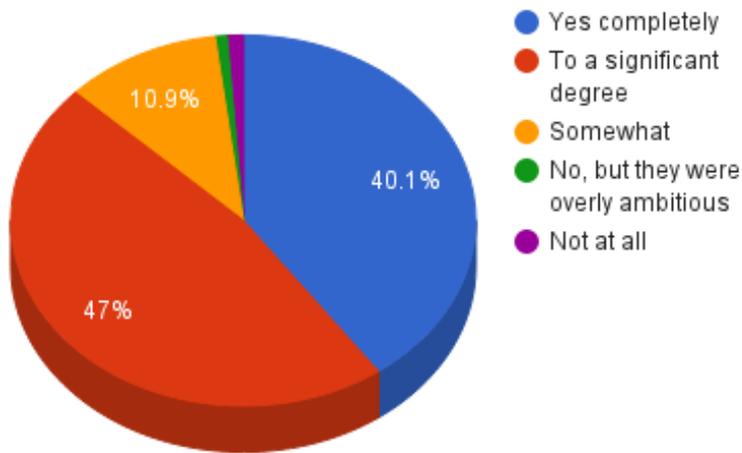
Fill in your Alive Application including completing the survey.

See full details at this link: [Leadership Programme](#)

What do our students learn through societies?

The Societies leadership programme is in its second year. 719 committee members participated an 11% increase on participants from last year. 87% stated that in their opinion their society had completely or to a significant degree achieved the goals they set at the beginning of the year.

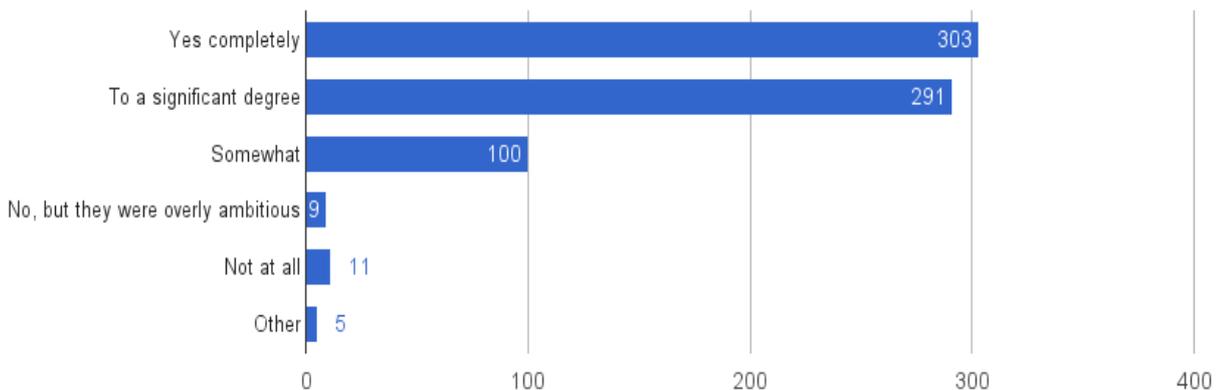
1. In your opinion, did your society achieve the goals you all set at the start of the year?



	Yes completely	To a significant degree	Somewhat	No, but they were overly ambitious	Not at all	Other
In your opinion, did your society achieve the goals you all set at the start of the year?	287 (39.92%)	336 (46.73%)	78 (10.85%)	6 (0.83%)	8 (1.11%)	4 (0.56%)

The committee members were also asked to set themselves personal goals as part of the society committee and to reflect on these at the end of the end of the year. 82.5% stated that in their opinion they had completely or to a significant degree achieved the goals they set at the beginning of the year.

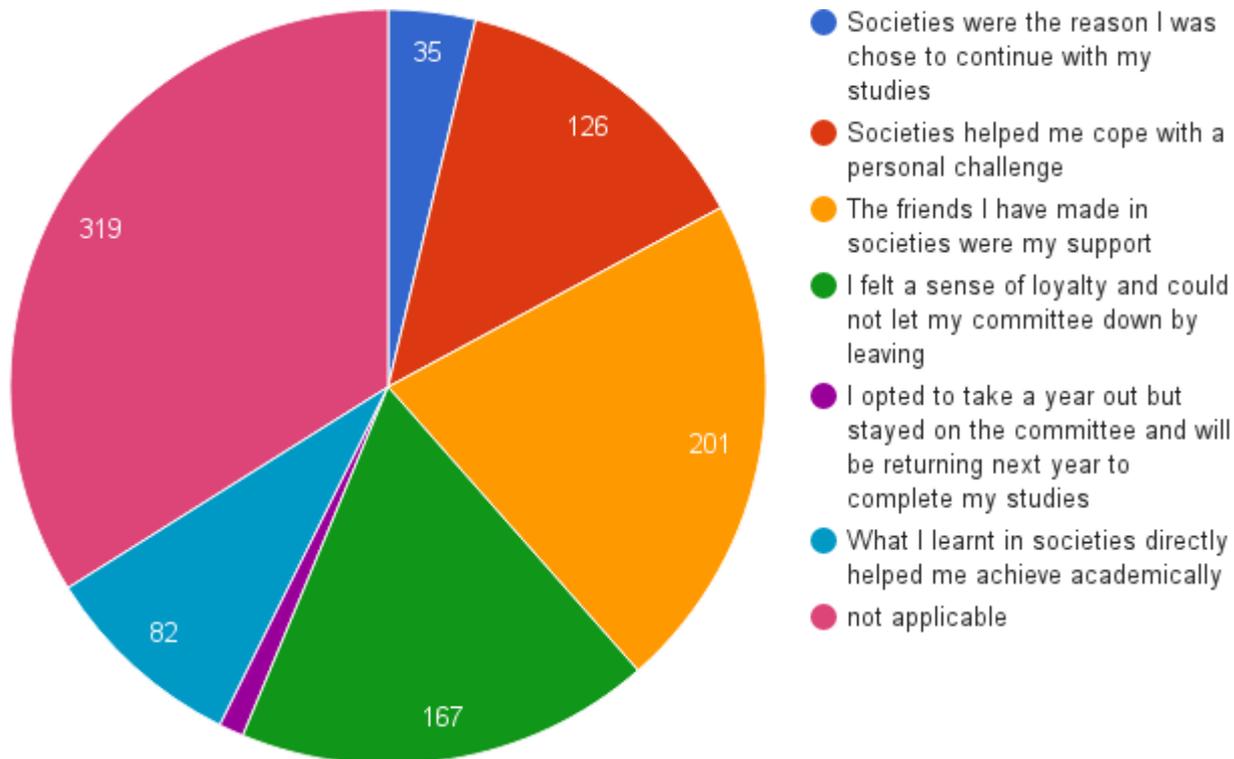
2. Did you achieve your personal goals and objectives?



	Yes, completely	To a significant degree	Somewhat	No, but they were overly ambitious	Not at all	Other
Did you achieve your personal goals and objectives?	303 (42.14%)	291 (40.47%)	100 (13.91%)	9 (1.25%)	11 (1.53%)	5 (0.7%)

The figures below show the % of the total respondents.

3. If at any stage during the year you contemplated leaving the college, or felt yourself under significant pressure personally or academically, to what degree did your involvement in societies help you cope?



If at any stage during the year you contemplated leaving the college, or felt yourself under significant pressure personally or academically, to what degree did your involvement in societies help you cope?	The friends I have made in societies were my support	I felt a sense of loyalty and could not let my committee down by leaving	Societies helped me cope with a personal challenge
	201 (29.47%)	167 (24.49%)	126 (18.48%)
	What I learnt in societies directly helped me achieve academically	Societies were the reason I was chose to continue with my studies	I opted to take a year out but stayed on the committee and will be returning next year to complete my studies
	82 (12.02%)	35 (5.13%)	10 (1.47%)

Employability, Student Experience, Campus Loyalty and Learning.

The next question explored the contribution that societies made to the committee members college experience. A significant number saw the value of societies for providing them with life skills and improving their employability. Of the total number of respondents 56% learnt a new skill, 48% believed it would help them get a job and 52 (7.62%) chose a new career path.

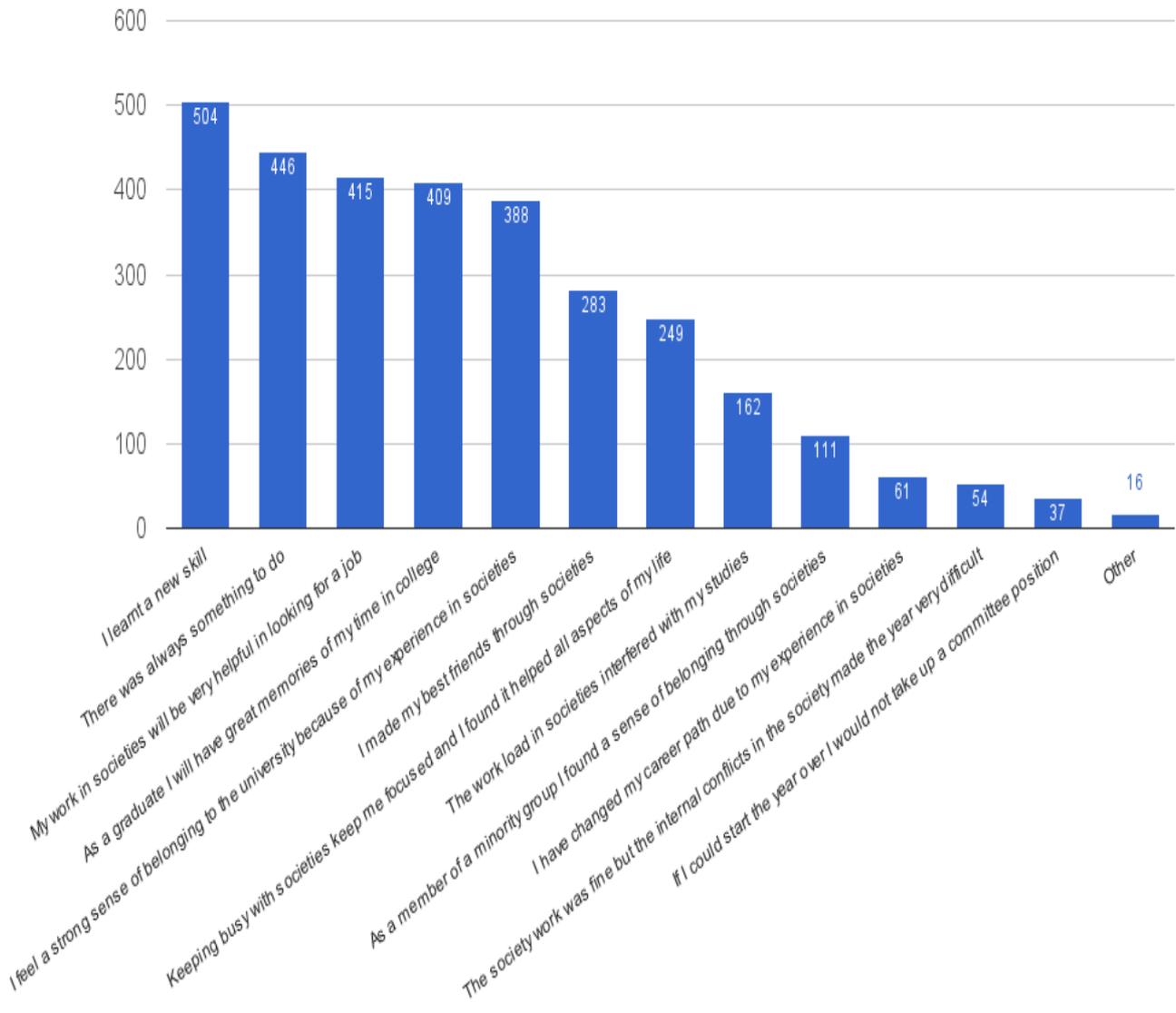
Societies again were seen as a vital component an overall contentment with the college experience, 31% made their best friends, 13% identified themselves as members of a minority group who found a sense of belonging. 48% found societies kept them busy with lots of things to do and this busyness kept 27% of them focused and helped in all aspects of their life.

As far as institutional loyalty and positive fond memories as alumni societies also play a significant role. 46% believe they will have great memories of their time in college and 43% feel a strong sense of belonging to the University because of societies.

6% found that while the society work was fine conflict within the committee made life difficult. As part of training we provide workshops on dealing with conflict and provide meditation and support throughout the year. Dealing with conflict and understanding team dynamics and the leadership skills necessary to motivate people, keep a team focused and productive, while being nurturing and supportive of its members is a core part of the training. For many committee members this will be the first time they have leadership roles and societies provide a vital learning environment to hone these vital skills. That only 6% referred to conflict as a problem given the level of the workload coming up to major events, the inexperience of many of the committee members and the vast array of personalities involved is a treatment of the calibre of our students and the supports we have in place for the societies. The leadership programme expressly asks societies and their committee members to think about and plan their aims and goals at the start of the year which may be a contributing factor in the general level of satisfaction with the experience. Happily only 4.4% if they could start the year over would not take up a committee position again and by looking at the particular circumstances and personalities involved for this particular cohort much can be learnt about team dynamics and leadership skills and what does and does not work.

18% felt the workload interfered with their studies compared with 24% last year. We asked the students at this year's training to think about why this was the perception of almost a quarter of respondents the previous year, A number of committee members, who had said this last year were able to shed some light. One reason was the timing of the survey close to exams where anything extraneous at that particular time was seen as a distraction. To counteract this we encouraged members to complete the survey earlier this year. Part of the leadership programme training is also to encourage time management, delegation and the importance of balance and 42 less committee members this year felt that their studies were interfered with. It is to be noted in the last question 12% felt it had helped them. There is also the question to be asked of the institution, in how we define learning because as we can see from the next question learning opportunities are not only confined to the classroom and it would be a pity that students who are having life changing and enhancing experiences are not perceiving them as valuable but are rather feeling guilty about the time spent away from what they perceive as the real learning. Our next research will need to be looking at how students engaged in positive extracurricular activities with real tangible learning outcomes perform academically and how successful they are in their exams.

4. Because of your involvement in Societies, how many of the following statements apply to you?



Because of your involvement in Societies, how many of the following statements apply to you?	I learnt a new skill	There was always something to do	My work in societies will be very helpful in looking for a job	As a graduate I will have great memories of my time in college	I feel a strong sense of belonging to the university because of my experience in societies
	385 (56.45%)	329 (48.24%)	324 (47.51%)	311 (45.6%)	293 (42.96%)
	I made my best friends through societies	Keeping busy with societies keep me focused and I found it helped all aspects of my life	The work load in societies interfered with my studies	As a member of a minority group I found a sense of belonging through societies	I have changed my career path due to my experience in societies
	211 (30.94%)	186 (27.27%)	122 (17.89%)	86 (12.61%)	52 (7.62%)
	The society work was fine but the internal conflicts in the society made the year very difficult		If I could start the year over I would not take up a committee position		Other
42 (6.16%)		30 (4.4%)		16 (2.35%)	

What Committee members learn

Societies provide important learning opportunities for their committee members. Most identified Team Work and Communication as a skill they learnt. With the next five top skill being: Organisation, event management, leadership, time management, setting and achieving goals. Over 50% learnt interpersonal skills, self-motivation, Over 40% identified understanding and appreciating difference, public speaking, problem solving, open-mindedness and creativity as skills gained and 42% honed an existing skill. Almost 30% learnt conflict resolution, over 20% learnt financial management. Managing their own learning and an awareness of global issues. One of the themed weeks in the societies' calendar is Global Week. Only .73% felt they had learnt none of the above and one student identified IT skills where was not on the list.

According to Gradireland

'Employers will always say that they want the best graduates for their organisation, although what that means in practice can vary. We surveyed top graduate recruiters for the gradireland *Graduate Salary & Graduate Recruitment Trends Survey 2013* and one of the questions we asked was about their selection criteria. It's still true that employers expect high academic achievements, with many specifying either a 2.1 or a 2.2 as a minimum. But equally important was the ability to demonstrate key 'competencies': the skills that are needed for working – rather than academic – life.

What employers say

Graduates today are entering a highly competitive jobs market; as a result it is more important than ever to truly own your own career. Think about the qualifications, skills and attributes you believe are your greatest asset and consider these when researching your career options. At interview, it is essential that you sell your skills and experiences. Don't hold back on showing the interviewer your enthusiasm for pursuing your chosen career path. Rose Mary Hogan, Resourcing Manager, Deloitte.

Employability skills defined

- Soft skills: personal qualities, eg problem solving, communication skills.
- Hard skills: skills that can be taught, eg writing, numeracy.
- Knowledge-based skills: specialist knowledge in areas such as business or science.
- Transferable skills: a skill you have learnt in one context, eg university, that can be used in another, eg work. Particularly important at graduate level where you may not have experience of the job that you are applying for.'

<https://gradireland.com/careers-advice/cvs-and-applications/what-recruiters-want>

According to Gradireland the key competencies recruiters look for are an ability to implement a plan, communication, team player, team working, coping and adaptability, lifelong learning, exploring opportunities, initiative, interpersonal, leadership potential, negotiation, decision making, political awareness, problem-solving, self-awareness, self-confidence, an awareness of own strengths, self-reliant and an ability to transfer these skills to new contexts. These are all skills committee members learn in abundance organising events, motivating teams, promoting their societies, attracting members, operating in an honest transparent manner and ensuring continuity of their society.

This year societies organised 2835 events and posted them to the society calendar. They had a total membership of 48685, over 8000 individual students as members, 1063 people on committees they had an income of almost one million euro and raised over €200,000 for charity.

5. What skills did you develop as part of societies?

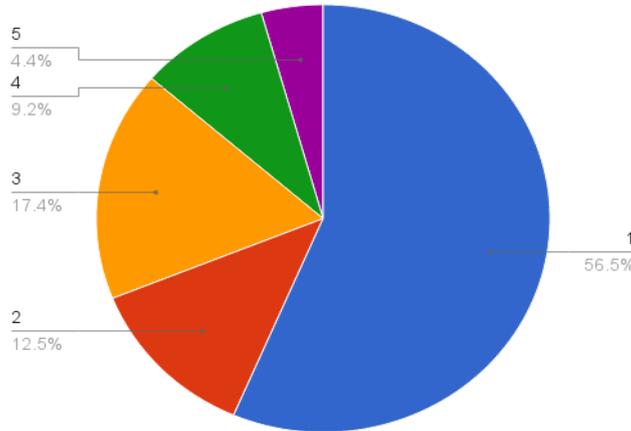


What skills did you develop as part of societies?	Team work	Communication	Organisational skills	Event management	Leadership skills	Time management	Setting and achieving goals
	608 (89.15%)	607 (89%)	542 (79.47%)	438 (64.22%)	415 (60.85%)	385 (56.45%)	378 (55.43%)
	Interpersonal skills	Self-motivation	Understanding and appreciating difference	Public speaking	Problem solving	Open-mindedness	Creativity
	371 (54.4%)	335 (49.12%)	317 (46.48%)	312 (45.75%)	304 (44.57%)	300 (43.99%)	296 (43.4%)
	Honing an existing skill	Conflict Resolution	Financial management	Managing your own learning	An awareness of global Issues	None of the above	Other (IT Skills)
286 (41.94%)	204 (29.91%)	176 (25.81%)	150 (21.99%)	149 (21.85%)	5 (0.73%)	1 (0.15%)	

Do students choose NUI Galway because of Societies?

We know that societies add to campus life and also contribute to the local community and the wider world. They also arrange many outreach programmes and engage with students in second level. For example the Muisical society attend all the second level musicals and hold an award ceremony on campus at the end of the year and was attended by 400 students and hosted in the Bailey Allen Hall. So it is very heartening to discover that for 30 committee members it was the deciding factor in their choice of University, and for 29% it was an influencing factor.

7. Prior to enrolling in NUI Galway, did your knowledge of societies in NUI Galway influence you choice of college in any way? 1 - Not at all, 5 - It was the deciding factor

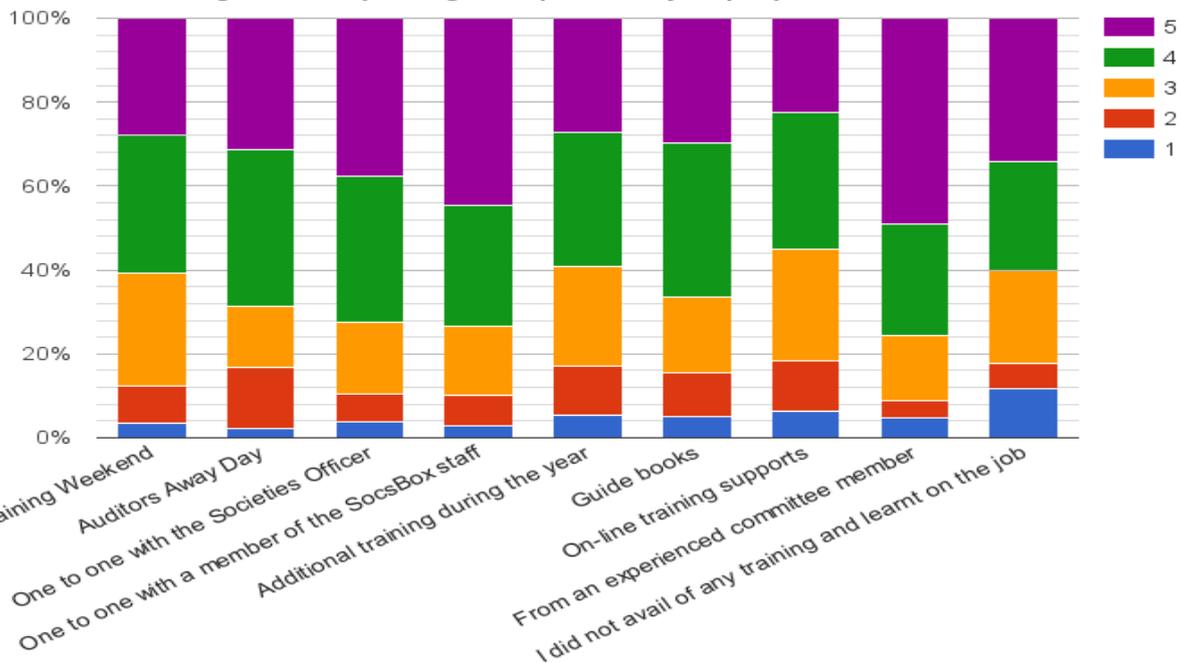


	1	2	3	4	5
Prior to enrolling in NUI Galway, did your knowledge of societies in NUI Galway influence you choice of college in any way?	385 (53.55%)	85 (11.82%)	119 (16.55%)	63 (8.76%)	30 (4.17%)

Society Training

We run a weekend of training in September including a day away for Auditors and follow on with on-going training workshops throughout the year plus on going one-to-one training and support. It is encouraging to see that the unhelpful scores are very low it is interesting to note that the highest 'unhelpful' experience was for people who did not avail of any training. The majority of attendees scored 4 and 5 with on-line supports getting the least 4 and 5s. The most successful training identifies were one-to-one with the SocsBox and Societies Officer and an experienced committee member. The feedback is very helpful for reviewing our training and we are launching a new website with new on line training this year and will continue to encourage as many committee memebtrs as possible to avail of the training available to maximise their learning potential.

6. Training Facilities (1 being unhelpful, 5 very helpful)



Training	Not applicable	Applicable	1	2	3	4	5	3-5
Society Training Weekend	372 (54.55%)	310 (45.45%)	11 (3.55%)	27 (8.71%)	84 (27.1%)	102 (32.9%)	86 (27.74%)	272 (87.74%)
Auditors Away Day	634 (92.96%)	48 (7.04%)	1 (2.08%)	7 (14.58%)	7 (14.58%)	18 (37.5%)	15 (31.25%)	40 (83.33%)
One to one with the Societies Officer	453 (66.42%)	229 (33.58%)	9 (3.93%)	15 (6.55%)	39 (17.03%)	80 (34.93%)	86 (37.55%)	205 (89.52%)
One to one with a member of the SocsBox staff	339 (49.71%)	343 (50.29%)	10 (2.92%)	25 (7.29%)	56 (16.33%)	99 (28.86%)	153 (44.61%)	308 (89.8%)
Additional training during the year	461 (67.6%)	221 (32.4%)	12 (5.43%)	26 (11.76%)	52 (23.53%)	71 (32.13%)	60 (27.15%)	183 (82.81%)
Guide books	354 (51.91%)	328 (48.09%)	17 (5.18%)	34 (10.37%)	59 (17.99%)	120 (36.59%)	98 (29.88%)	277 (84.45%)
On-line training supports	433 (63.49%)	249 (36.51%)	16 (6.43%)	30 (12.05%)	66 (26.51%)	81 (32.53%)	56 (22.49%)	203 (81.53%)
From an experienced committee member	217 (31.82%)	465 (68.18%)	22 (4.73%)	19 (4.09%)	73 (15.7%)	123 (26.45%)	228 (49.03%)	424 (91.18%)
I did not avail of any training and learnt on the job	451 (66.13%)	231 (33.87%)	27 (11.69%)	14 (6.06%)	51 (22.08%)	60 (25.97%)	79 (34.2%)	190 (82.25%)

What they had to say about their society experience

My own interpersonal skills have improved and I'm finding that I am able to express myself and my opinions to others better as a result of being a part of this committee.

I became more organised and my communication with new people became better, I can now talk to complete strangers without as much worry.

I felt that my time on the committee helped me become a more caring and honest person, and I was able to help the society grow over the year.

Maintaining a level head, compromising and keeping everyone happy is a balancing act and I felt I have achieved that to the highest level I could this year.

I have improved my management and leadership skill set, all while assisting my fellow students by improving their educational experience. I have made fantastic friends and thoroughly enjoyed myself.

The thing I have learned that stands out for me personally is the importance of voicing ideas and opinions in a group environment. When everyone can contribute equally to the group, it is a clear success. I have learned the equal importance of being both a leader and a follower - both are essential to harmonious group work. This creates a team that capitalises on the strengths and minimises the weaknesses of each individual member.

Overall, I can honestly say that taking on a leadership role in the society was honestly one of the best decisions I have made during my college years here in NUIG.

I feel as though I have improved my time management skills and organisational skills by having to make time for college work as well as time for the Society. I also feel that my time with the Society will benefit me not just in my everyday life but also in my career when I leave NUIG.

I have developed patience and learn to work as a team. It gave me opportunities to unlock my potential and help me to grow as an all rounded person.

It has been both an enlightening and character building experience. It has taught me to become self-sufficient and to take action on my own initiative rather than to wait for instruction. The Society had a large impact on my life this year and has only made me more determined to continue with my studies.

Since the beginning of the year I have seen a vast improvement in my own confidence speaking and how I conduct myself around others. I believe that my management skills have also vastly improved, dealing with other students it can be hard to motivate them as there can be little incentive to do so. If you don't believe in the event or cause then the team behind you won't.

One of the highlights has been getting to know the people on the committee. I believe that I have learned a lot about myself this year, as well as about being part of running a fairly significantly sized organisation. I have developed my social skills, my time management skills and have learned more about what the types of things I would like to be involved with in the future. I have made some really great friends who I would not have been able to make if it had not been for societies!

Through my involvement in this society I have gained some extremely valuable experiences. I have learned the true value of team work and how important it is to help one another in order to achieve goals. If we had not been able to work as well together as we did, we would never have achieved so much. Whilst working as a committee member I also gained some great friendships that I will have forever and memories that will last me a lifetime. After my experience on the committee I would encourage anyone who goes to college to get involved in a society as it is such an incredible rewarding experience.

Individual Society Reports

African Caribbean Society

The African Caribbean Society built a community for many students this year to express themselves. We were able to accomplish many of our goals as a group to showcase our diverse culture and traditions to the wider community of Galway. We were able to attract other societies such as Dansoc and Art Soc to have collaborations! We aim to build a home for many students of various background to come together and appreciate their diversity.

African Caribbean Society Events list (22 Individual Events)

Society Meet & Greet: Social » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 21st September 2015

Hey all! Our meet and greet event will be taking place next Monday the 21st of September from 6-8:30pm!!! Are you excited? 'Cause we know we are! This year we've got a bigger venue to host our event- which means there'll be even more space to have even more fun than the last time round. There'll be games, music, food and good vibes- so come along (and invite a friend or two) and get to know some of your fellow society members as well as this year's committee.

Afrobeats Dance Workshop with Dansoc: Arts & Culture » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 30th Sept 2015

The ACS is linking up with Dansoc to bring to you an Afrobeats dance workshop. This event will be taking place this coming Wednesday from 6-7pm in the Cube (be there or be square). Here's a video of one of our committee members dancing last year to get you hyped:

Global Fair: Arts & Culture » Bailey Allen Hall » 05th October 2015

EGM & Movie Night!: Social » Siobhan McKenna Theatre » 14th October 2015

EGM & Movie Night! Your opportunity to join our amazing committee to make it even more amazing. Movie and Pizza after!

Banter Night: Social » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 29th October 2015

A night full of banter...need we say more? There'll be food, games and we'll be hosting a selfie competition (with a wicked awesome prize for the best African/Caribbean inspired selfie taken on the night).

End of Year Party: Social » Galway, Galway City, Munroe's » 05th November 2015

Turn up event in Monroe's on the 5th of November. Tickets €10 from ACS (or €20 at the door) - they'll be on sale in the Socs Box and we'll be selling them at our next event! Beezy, TopBoy, Alex and TF. Clique will be hosting the event- so you just know it's going to be live! Get your tickets now!!!



Afri-Oki: Social » College Bar, Main Bar » 11th November 2015

Come and get your sing on with the ACS! Tonight we'll be hosting a karaoke night with an African/Caribbean twist ("Afri-Oki", get it?). So come on down to the college bar for the bants- everyone's welcome. This will probably be our last event for the

semester so let's make it a good one! Did we mention there will be a raffle? To enter and be in with a chance to win some great prizes all you've got to do is to get up and sang- it's as simple as that. See you there!

EGM and Drama: Social » Meeting Rooms » 28th January 2016

EGM and Drama. New positions on the committee up for grabs and an opportunity for you showcase your talents, showing us just how awesome you are. Great chance to meet new people and be part of the ACS Dream Team. Pizza and fun. Hope to see you there.

#BeInspired: Social » Joseph Larmor Theatre » 04th February 2016

Join us as we discuss and debate social issues that we face in college, our community and daily lives. FREE PIZZA for all who attend! See you there!

Take Me Out: Social » Bailey Allen Hall Aras na Mac Leinn » 10th February 2016

ACS will be hosting 'VALENTINE'S - TAKE ME OUT' on Wednesday the 10th, prior to Valentine's day. We're having an ACS version of TAKE ME OUT tv show. All the single Ladies and Gents out there who wish to take part as contestants should get in contact with us, ASAP. Everyone is welcome to the event to cheer on your friends while assisting them in finding the love of their life.

Afrofest Model Auditions: Social » The Stage » 18th February 2016

As part of our Afrofest event we will be having a fashion show and this event is setup to get models so come along to strut your stuff

What Africa Means to Me: Social » Art Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 23rd February 2016

As part of our AfroFest event we will have art pieces on display so if you feel you are the modern day Leonardo DaVinci come along and display your skills. Refreshments will be available throughout the day!

Bake Sale: Social » Smokies Concourse Table » 01st March 2016

The planned bake sale/fundraiser towards the Afrofest is still on and will be tomorrow from 11-2 at Smokies. So if you have a sweet tooth, be sure to come along and see what you fancy and help us raise as much as we can to make sure the Afrofest is a success!

Debate Night - #BeInspired: Social » IT204 » 02nd March 2016

After the last debate night proved fun and successful, we've decided to host another on Wednesday in IT204 from 6-8... Sooo if you missed the last one and you enjoy arguing (given our pigment, I'm sure many of us do) come down and bring a friend, let's all beef.

Take me Out in Dublin: Social » Dublin, UCD, UCD » 04th March 2016

ACS are going to UCD to join with the UCD ACS society for a take me out evening. We are going up and down by bus in the one day. E-mail us on acs@socs.nuigalway.ie by Thursday 3rd March at 6pm if you want to join in for a road trip!

AfroFest Model rehearsals: Social » The Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn » 09th March 2016

Rehearsals tomorrow for the models from 4:30 in the Hub. One of the fashion show coordinators will be around to give tips and basis to the fashion show so make yourself available. Don't forget white and black for the models. Also, if you still want to audition come down too!

AfroFest Rehearsals: Social » Bailey Allen Hall Aras na Mac Leinn » 10th March 2016

We will be having rehearsals for the Afrofest show! Those involved make sure ye show up to the hall from 6pm.

Model rehearsals: Social » Aras na Mac Leinn » 14th March 2016

Model rehearsals for AfroFest

Model rehearsals: Social » Aras na Mac Leinn » 15th March 2016

Model rehearsals for AfroFest

Model rehearsals: Social » Bailey Allen Hall » 16th March 2016

Model rehearsals for AfroFest with our wonderful coordinator, former Miss Nigeria Oyindamola Animashaun!

AFROFEST: Social » Bailey Allen Hall Aras na Mac Leinn » 18th March 2016

The event that will showcase all African and Caribbean cultures, fashion, food, music and talents in an evening that promises not to disappoint.. The show will revolve around a fashion show! On the night there will be performances and appearances from TF Clique Sean X Infame Us BME Sequence HBA and many more, with lots planned for the entire night as a whole. Doors open 5pm! Show starts 6pm! Tickets - €8 for ACS Members / €10 for Non-ACS Members. This event is sponsored by Bank of Ireland! One not to be missed!



AGM ACS: Social » Áras na mac Léinn - The Stage » 12th April 2016

Exams approaching but before you head into the books, ACS will be having our Annual General meeting (AGM) to elect new members to the ACS 2016/2017 committee. There are lots of positions up for grabs so if you know you've got what it takes to take NUIG ACS to the next level, make sure to attend. Tuesday 12th of April, The stage, 6-8pm see you there. A little bowling outing is being planned for after the event for all society members as our final get together of 2015/2016. Hope to see you all there.

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Mary Olaloko

Public Relations Officer: Yetunde Sulaiman

Treasurer: Umulkheri Salum

Events Manager: Rianat Sobayo

Vice-Auditor: Al-Amin Sanusi

Assistant Secretary: Eniola Kasim

Vice- Treasurer: Oluwapelumi Ojofeitimi

OCM: Omoarebun Ebeleghe

Secretary: John Sobodu

Liaison Officer: Uwa Johnson

Safety Officer: Gerald Echefu

Assistant Event Manager : Olajumoke Okeowo

OCM: Sarah Thomas

Assistant PRO: Tolulope Makanjuola

OCM: Folashade Mawoyeka

Committee 2016/2017

Vice-Auditor: John Sobodu

Secretary: Folashade Mawoyeka

Assistant Secretary: Chidinma Olorunfemi

Event Manager: Francisca Odugbesan

Liason Officer: Sarah Oresanya

Public relations Officer - 2: Tomi Badewa-Ekunga

OCM: Bilal Ahmed

OCM: Precious Ayoade

Treasurer: Oluwapelumi Ojofeitimi

Auditor: Al-Amin Sanusi

Vice - Treasurer: Yolanda Ndlovu

Assistant Event Manager: Miriam Olamijuwon

Public relations Officer - 1: Tolulope Makanjuola

Safety officer: Omoarebun Ebeleghe

OCM: Abimbola Sobayo

OCM: Joanne Eko

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€349.44	Bank charge	€9.06
Fundraising	€45.00	Dinner/Food	€100.00
Socs box Till	€56.00	Entertainment	€250.00
Sponsorship	€200.00	Entry fees	€55.00
Ticket Sales	€60.00	Fundraising / Charity	€50.00
USC Grant	€1,500.00	Makeup/Props	€7.00
Total	€2,210.44	Materials	€70.29
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€661.52
		Printing	€36.90
		Promotions	€50.00
		Society transport	€175.00
		Socs Box Till Sales	€10.00
		Speaker travel	€457.50
		Expenditure Total	€1,932.27
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€278.17
		Total	€2,210.44

Mission Statement

The Nuig African Caribbean society aims to enlighten the college community about the customs and to invoke appreciation for the rich culture of African and Caribbean nations. We aim to create a platform for African and Caribbean students at NUIG to come together in educating and encouraging cultural appreciation within the NUIG community, colleagues and staff, through varieties of events

Aims, Objectives & Goals

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!

Society Performance Reflection

This year we were able to fulfil all our aims for the year. We did exceptional in having events with many corporations outside of college, like Shoe Muzik, BME, R-Entertainment and various artists. We had a total of 22 events and all went according to plan

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

Yes we achieved many of it. Our main aim this year was to communicate with the outside community which we accomplished through sponsorship and having events collaborations with various organisations.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was bringing all our ideas and aims for AfroFest to completion. I felt that the AfroFest event we held in March was a huge huge milestone for the society! It was one the very first events we had planned to have when the idea of starting the society was first brought up and were so proud to have planned it this year. We were able to accomplish everything we had envisioned for the show with a great turnout and brilliant reviews afterwards.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge again this year was communication. We lacked somewhat in this area and it affected some of our plans and drew us back in organisation.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 11 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 7 committee members.

African Caribbean Society ALIVE Certificates		
Mary Olaloko	Auditor	500 hours
Oluwapelumi Ojofeimi	Vice treasurer	25 hours
Al-Amin Sanusi	Vice Auditor	80 hours
Umulkheri Salum	Treasurer	250 hours
Olajumoke Okeowo	Event Manager	10 hours
John Sobodu	Secretary	600 hours
Tolulope Makanjuola	Assistant Public Relations Officer	60 hours
Folashade Mawoyeka	Assistant Secretary	35 hours
Omoarebun Ebeleghe	Assistant Event Manager	200 hours
Rianat Sobayo	Event manager	60 hours
Eniola Kasim	Second Assistant Secretary	24 hours
Gerald Echefu	Safety Officer	50 hours
# ALIVE Students:	12 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	1894 hours	

Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 329 members. 6 of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Airsoft

Our aim is to bring airsoft to NUIG and to get our fellow students involved in our hobby. We aim to play airsoft and promote inter college relations.

Airsoft Society Events list (6 Individual Events)

Airsoft event: Other » Limerick, Ballinagarde, Limerick Airsoft Camp » 06th February 2016

Okay guys, as a first event we will be heading down to LAC for a game on Saturday. The cost will be 35 quid each including gun rental and safety gear. Also for every 5 people renting we'll get two bags of 5,000 bb's free. A full day with you're own gear will cost 10 euro. Both prices include a lunch of papa John's pizza, wedges and coke and we'll be gaming from 10am to 4:30pm. Hope to see you all there :)

Die Hard screening: Other » O'Flaherty theatre, The Concourse » 16th March 2016

EGM- Constitution Amendments: Other » Dell Suite » 07th April 2016

Airsoft game at The Hive: Other » Dublin, Tallaght, The Hive » 09th April 2016

AGM: Other » The Space, Aras na Mac Leinn » 12th April 2016

It's Airsoft Soc's AGM! Come along and join the committee or even just come alone and meet some new people!

Qasar: Social » Galway, Galway City, The Planet » 18th April 2016

Just a friendly game of Qasar for people to unwind with before the exams. :)

Committee 2015/2016

PRO: John Farrelly

Vice-Auditor: Dylan Kelly McDonagh

Auditor: Oscar Ryan

Treasurer: Padraig MacArdghail

Secretary: Aaron Bennett

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Oscar Ryan

Treasurer: Wayne Moran

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0.00	Bank charge	€47.64
Socs box Till	€120.00	Entry fees	€90.00
USC Grant	€500.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€18.00
		Expenditure Total	€155.64
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€464.36
Total	€620.00	Total	€620.00

Society Performance Reflection

Our society was successful in creating a name for itself by attracting 75 students in its first semester. Our first game has been organised for Saturday April 9th and we intend this game to be the first of many.

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

As a brand new society our key aim was to make a name for ourselves and we achieved this goal. Next year we are aiming bigger, to hold more games and potentially create a team that could compete in intervarsities.

Greatest Success

The number of people that joined on par with having our first game in our first semester.

Greatest Challenge

Advertising to attract new players that have not yet played the game.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 4 committee members.

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 76 members. 5 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

American Football Society

The American Football Society is a social society dedicated to the enjoyment of the sport of American Football in all its forms, be it NFL, CFL, NCAA or local grassroots IAFL here in Ireland. We met regularly to watch and discuss live NFL American Football and will be meeting to watch our local IAFL representatives, the Galway Warriors at the first home game of the season in Galway on May 2nd.

American Football Society Events list (14 Individual Events)

FL Sundays in Garvey's: Social » Galway, Galway City, Garvey's, Eyre Square » 18th October 2015

Sunday meet up to watch the regular season NFL games and Redzone on the big projector screen in Garvey's, Eyre Square.. Fun, Food, Football and all the Banter you can handle!

NFL Sundays in Garvey's: Social » Galway, Galway City, Garvey's, Eyre Square » 25th October 2015

Sunday meet up to watch the regular season NFL games and Redzone on the big projector screen in Garvey's, Eyre Square.. Fun, Food, Football and all the Banter you can handle!

NFL Sundays in Garvey's: Social » Galway, Galway City, Garvey's, Eyre Square » 01st November 2015

Sunday meet up to watch the regular season NFL games and Redzone on the big projector screen in Garvey's, Eyre Square.. Fun, Food, Football and all the Banter you can handle!

NFL Sundays in Garvey's: Social » Galway, Galway City, Garvey's, Eyre Square » 08th November 2015

Sunday meet up to watch the regular season NFL games and Redzone on the big projector screen in Garvey's, Eyre Square.. Fun, Food, Football and all the Banter you can handle!

NFL Sundays in Garvey's: Social » Galway, Galway City, Garvey's, Eyre Square » 15th November 2015

Sunday meet up to watch the regular season NFL games and Redzone on the big projector screen in Garvey's, Eyre Square.. Fun, Food, Football and all the Banter you can handle!

NFL Sundays in Garvey's: Social » Galway, Galway City, Garvey's, Eyre Square » 22nd November 2015

Sunday meet up to watch the regular season NFL games and Redzone on the big projector screen in Garvey's, Eyre Square.. Fun, Food, Football and all the Banter you can handle!

Thanksgiving Thursday Football: Social » Galway, Galway City, Garvey's Eyre Square » 26th November 2015

Blow off a little steam before exams and celebrate what you're thankful for this year! Our nights line up includes:» Philadelphia Eagles @ Detroit Lions » Carolina Panthers @ Dallas Cowboys » Chicago Bears @ Green Bay Packers. Plus free finger food and pitcher deals all night!Join us for fun, food and Football!

NFL Sundays in Garvey's: Social » Galway, Galway City, Garvey's, Eyre Square » 29th November 2015

Sunday meet up to watch the regular season NFL games and Redzone on the big projector screen in Garvey's, Eyre Square.. Fun, Food, Football and all the Banter you can handle!

NFL Sundays in Garvey's: Social » Galway, Galway City, Garvey's, Eyre Square » 06th December 2015

Sunday meet up to watch the regular season NFL games and Redzone on the big projector screen in Garvey's, Eyre Square.. Fun, Food, Football and all the Banter you can handle!

Playoff Sunday!: Social » Galway, Galway City, Garvey's Eyre Square » 17th January 2016

Join us in Garvey's for live coverage of the NFL Divisional Playoffs starting at 6pm with the Seattle Seahawks @ Carolina Panthers followed by The Pittsburgh Steelers @ Denver Broncos

Championship Sunday: Social » Galway, Galway City, Garvey's Eyre Square » 24th January 2016

Viewing Party For the Divisional Championship round of the Playoffs

Superbowl 50 Party!: Social » Galway, Galway City, Garveys Eyre Square » 07th February 2016

Join us for the biggest sporting event of the year and the jewel in the NFL's crown! Live from the state of the art Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, it's the Carolina Panther's Vs. the Denver Broncos on the big screen in Galway's home of American Football, Garvey's and celebrate the end NUIG American Football Society's first NFL season of many! Kick off 11:30 but arrive early to avoid disappointment as it's gonna fill up fast!

Donegal Derry Vipers @ Galway Warriors: Other » Galway, Galway City, St.Mary's College » 01st May 2016

Come Join us for live, full contact American Football in Galway as our own Galway Warriors take on the Donegal/Derry Vipers in their IAFL2 season opener. The Teams share a strong rivalry and it promises to be a brilliant match up, at the back pitch, St.Mary's College, Shantalla. Followed by meet and greet with both teams In Garvey's Inn, Eyre Square for drinks and FREE finger food.

AGM: Social » Smokeys Cafe » 12th May 2016

AGM for NUIG American Football Society and election of committee for next year - just look for the guy in the Ravens Jersey

Committee 2015/2016

OCM: Cian Shevlin

Auditor: Brendan Gordon

Treasurer: Jack McGirl

Party Boss: Lisa Ciarrone

OCM: Donal Hanley

Secretary Semester 1: Juliana Weiss

Vice-Auditor: Aidan Graham

Secretary: Conall "Murch" Murch

Travel Chief: Eoin Wood

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Brendan Gordon

Treasurer: Jack McGirl

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0.00	Bank charge	€37.50
		Expenditure Total	€37.50
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€-37.50
Total	€0.00	Total	€0.00

Mission Statement

Our mission statement is to promote sport of American Football.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We aim to run a number of American Football themed social events. Our main goal for the year is to attain full society status.

Society Performance Reflection

We would rate our performance around a C grade. We were a social outlet for fans of American football, and met for each Sunday gameday, as well as introduce new players to the sport. We were a little unlucky with some of our plans falling through but in hindsight there wasn't a huge amount we could have done differently. In our rookie season, we laid a good foundation to build on next year and most importantly, learned some good lessons for the future.

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

We succeeded in

- running weekly meet ups to watch live NFL American Football throughout the NFL season and Playoffs
- being a social outlet for fans of American Football and visiting American students
- introducing new people to the sport as fans and players.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was our weekly meet ups. They were one of our core objectives and were managed without any financial input on our part.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge was communication, between committee members and with businesses. Getting a straight answer, accurate information, or even just any reply at all was extremely challenging at times.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 7 committee members

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 5 committee members.

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 340 members. 3 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

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. As well as campaigning on the issues of the day we are building a close knit network of students through fun events and activities. This varies from movie nights, discussions led by key activists, twists on traditional movie nights: think corporately responsible monopoly and human rights themed Scrabble!! The areas we have focused on include mental health, the death penalty, LGBTI rights, women's rights, migrants rights, and homelessness.

Amnesty Society Events list (23 Individual Events)

Real Life Horror Stories- Halloween: Social » IT 203 » 28th October 2015

With the upcoming festivities here at Amnesty, we are learning about the "real life horror stories". There will be fact sheets and masks of some of the biggest criminals in the human rights field - the really terrifying monsters. Come for the snacks, stay for the knowledge-

Syrian Refugee Crisis: Other » IT203 » 04th November 2015

This is Amnesty's first event of the year. It's an information evening featuring the lived experience of refugees as well as the cultural and legal context

Amnesty society weekly meeting: Charity » IT203 » 11th November 2015

This is amnesty's weekly meeting where we will discuss various human rights issues and plan for upcoming events.

Brainstorming evening: Social » IT 203 » 11th November 2015

After the brilliant turn out last week at our information evening, this week we're going to take it easy, kick back and relax! IT 203 this Wednesday at 7pm we'll be talking about the outcome of our first big event- how we can improve, some admin issues and future projects maybe :)

PIZZA: Other » IT203 » 18th November 2015

Hello all, This is our weekly meeting. There will be lots of pizza to eat as we discuss the eventful past week.

Repeal the 8th - Collab with Choice Soc: Seminar » Seminar Room, Irish Centre for Human Rights » 25th November 2015

On Wednesday 25th we are working with Choice Society on their event Repeal the 8th 101 workshop Want to know exactly what the 8th Amendment means and why so many people are calling for it to be repealed? This event will fill you in on all you need to know. We are having a reception from 6:30pm with the main event kicking off at 7pm in the Seminar Room of the Irish Centre for Human Rights Speakers include Jenni Owen-Thomas from AIMS Ireland (the Association for the Improvement of Maternity Services in Ireland) and Kinga Jelinska from Women Help Women (womenhelp.org) is coming over from Holland to talk about early medical abortions and how they are helping women in Ireland. And of course us at amnesty will be there with our petitions for the #notacriminal campaign! Refreshments will be provided!!

EGM: Other » Art Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 26th November 2015

Just to confirm the EGM will be taking place in the Art Room in Aras na Mac Leinn this Thursday from 7-8pm! We will be electing Vice Auditor and Treasurer! We will also be discussing plans for Semester 2, possible sub-committee roles and the different campaigns all to come in the new year!

Socs Day: Other » Bailey Allen Hall » 13th January 2016

Come see the Amnesty stand at the 2nd Socs Day!

Weekly meeting: Social » IT203 » 20th January 2016

Join us for our weekly meetings where we discuss current events and plan future events as well.

Weekly meeting: Social » IT203 » 27th January 2016

Join us for our weekly meetings where we discuss current events and plan future events as well.

Amnesty Soc Mixer + campaign launch: Social » media room » 28th January 2016

To welcome you back to semester 2 and to launch our new campaigns for the semester, we'll be holding a wine evening in the Media Rooms in Áras na Mac Léinn, at 5 on Thursday! It'll be a great way to meet other energetic and driven people with an interest in human rights, and an opportunity for you to sign up to one or more of our three campaigns for the semester. These campaigns are-My Body My Rights (where a main focus will be on Repealing the 8th)S.O.S Europe (which will be focused on the Refugee Crisis)and ESC Rights (Economic, Social and Cultural rights, which will deal with a broader spectrum of injustices such as homelessness) As always, new members are more than welcome! (and in case ye missed it- there'll be free wine)

Wine Mixer: Social » Media Rooms » 28th January 2016

Weekly meeting: Social » IT203 » 03rd February 2016

Join us for our weekly meetings where we discuss current events and plan future events as well.

Spreading the love: Other » Smokies Table, Concourse » 10th February 2016

Join us for chocolate, stats and raising awareness!!This event is part of the 'My Body, My Rights' campaign, where we will be focusing on raising awareness on women's rights.

Weekly meeting: Social » IT203 » 17th February 2016

Join us for our weekly meetings where we discuss current events and plan future events as well.

EGM: Social » IT203 » 24th February 2016

We are going to discuss our new constitution and elect a new PRO.

Weekly meeting: Social » IT203 » 02nd March 2016

Join us for our weekly meetings where we discuss current events and plan future events as well.

Weekly meeting: Social » IT203 » 09th March 2016

Join us for our weekly meetings where we discuss current events and plan future events as well.

Weekly meeting: Social » IT203 » 16th March 2016

Join us for our weekly meetings where we discuss current events and plan future events as well.

Weekly meeting: Social » IT203 » 23rd March 2016

Join us for our weekly meetings where we discuss current events and plan future events as well.

Weekly meeting: Social » IT203 » 30th March 2016

Join us for our weekly meetings where we discuss current events and plan future events as well.

AGM: Social » IT203 » 06th April 2016

Join us for our weekly meetings where we discuss current events and plan future events as well.

Weekly meeting: Social » IT203 » 13th April 2016

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Committee 2015/2016

Ordinary Committee Member: Charlotte Bander

Treasurer: Muireann O'Sullivan

Vice-Auditor: Christina Challis

Events: Rema Hamid

Auditor: Aine Sperrin

Secretary: Jane Finn

Ordinary Committee Member: Miriam McCrave

Public Relations Officer: Meabh Temple

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Aine Sperrin

Secretary: Jane Finn

Treasurer: Muireann O'Sullivan

Vice-Auditor: Christina Challis

Booking Officer: Rema Hamid

Ordinary Committee Member: Miriam McCrave

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	425.67	Bank charge	€70.99
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€112.15
		Expenditure Total	€183.14
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€242.53
Total	€425.67	Total	€425.67

Mission Statement

To highlight at NUIG the research and activities being undertaken to end rights abuses internationally.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

To establish Amnesty Soc as a prevalent society on campus by creating a strong network of students from a variety of fields and equipping them with knowledge of rights abuses and how to prevent their continuation.

Society Performance Reflection

We think we have established Amnesty from where it was when we took control back at the start of the academic year. We have gotten members from all aspects of the college from arts degrees human rights, law degrees, science degree, Postgraduate/Masters students. We think we have also begun to spread the message of Amnesty and have made contacts/ coordinated with other societies surrounding events within the college.

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

We think we did achieve our aims. We were successful with organising our own events within the college and also with the Amnesty Galway Group. We think we have begun to spread the message of amnesty but are enthusiastic about our future events.

Greatest Success

We think our greatest success was our first event. The event "Refugee information evening" had a lot of promises made and stuff organised and then cancelled very last minute but we still managed to hold a successful event for a committee that had only been working together for a short period of time.

Greatest Challenge

We think that our greatest challenges involved just the running of a society. We were all new members and were learning a lot. We found that we didn't get to complete some of the events we wanted to do but hopefully with more efficient planning that this can help next year.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 9 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 8 committee members.

Amnesty Society ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Meabh Temple</u>	Communications Officer	43 hours
<u>Rema Hamid</u>	Event planner	21 hours
<u>Amber Davy</u>	PRO	12 hours
<u>Christina Challis</u>	Vice-Auditor	20 hours
<u>Muireann O'Sullivan</u>	Treasurer	21 hours
<u>Jane Finn</u>	Secretary	30 hours
# ALIVE Students:	6 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	147 hours	

Other Information

We held 25 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 354 members. 8 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Anime and Manga Society

As a society we provide a forum for Anime, Manga, Foreign Film, Cosplay and Japanese Culture. We have anime screenings every Thursday and have other events running throughout the year. This year for the first time we have started an event called Card Games, our members get together and play many different card games that are from Japanese Anime. We have also had various co-op nights with other societies and even a multi-co-op night with many societies. And also for the first time a co-op with a sports club, which was the Kendo Club, they gave us a powerful demonstration of their skills as swordsmen. We also have our sixth year of the convention Akumakon, it went great and we were able to raise more this year for charity, the charity chosen for this year was Cancer West Ireland.

Anime and Manga Society Events list (53 Individual Events)

Pokemon the First & Second movies: Social » Anderson Lecture Theatre » 15th September 2015

Join us for a night of nostalgia, where we will watch the Pokemon movies!!

Cardgames: Social » IT 206 » 16th September 2015

Join us for some friendly card games. Such as Magic The Gathering, Yugioh and VanGuard!!

Speed friending with Potter Soc and Co.: Social » Ac203 » 16th September 2015

Come and join us with PotterSoc for a some speed friending!!

Death Note Screening: Social » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 17th September 2015

Come to join us for some Death Note. In the Large Acoustic Room (LAR)

EGM and Screening: Other » AC202, NUIG Concourse. » 22nd September 2015

We will be having an EGM!! So if there is anyone who wants to be more involved in a society like Anime & Manga please do come. We will also be having a screening of Summer Wars after the EGM.

Cardgames: Social » IT206 » 23rd September 2015

Come on over to IT206 for some fun cardgames such as Magic The Gathering, Yugioh and Vanguard.

Abridged Night: Social » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 24th September 2015

We will be showing abridged anime. So please join us for a good laugh. For those that don't know what Abridged means=An abridged anime is edited to be shorter and fan-dubbed, usually for reasons of comedic parody.

Sword Art Online Screening: Other » Anderson Lecture Theatre » 29th September 2015

Please come and join us as we watch Sword Art Online.

CardGames!!!: Social » IT 207 » 30th September 2015

We will be having card games. Such as VanGuard, Yugioh and Magic The Gathering. Please come and join us for some fun.

The Devil is a Part Timer: Other » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 01st October 2015

We will be showing The Devil is a Part Timer, please come and join us!

Patema Inverted: Social » Anderson Lecture Theatre » 06th October 2015

We will be watching a movie this time. it's a very interesting one so please come and join us in watching it.

Little Witch Academia: Social » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 08th October 2015

We will be showing some episodes of Little Witch Academia, what better way than to watch an anime about witches to get into the Halloween mood.

Screening of Switch girl: Social » Anderson Lecture Theatre » 13th October 2015

We will be watching a japanese drama called 'Switch Girl'. .Synopsis: A high school student named Tamiya Nika, appears to be a stylish and fashionable girl at school, but that's really a fake persona that she uses when she's in public. At home, she “switches off” the facade and her returns to her true slovenly nature. One day she meets a rude but pretty student at the school's rooftop.

CardGames: Social » IT207 » 14th October 2015

We will be playing card games such as Yugioh, Magic the Gathering and VanGuard.

New season Anime Taster Night, With Sushi!!!: Social » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 15th October 2015

We will be showing a variety of anime that is newly released this season. To go along with this taster we will also be having sushi!! So this will make it a true taster night!!

Screening of movie RedLine: Social » Anderson Lecture Theatre » 20th October 2015

Redline is about the biggest and most deadly racing tournament in the universe. Only held once every five years, everyone wants to stake their claim to fame, including JP, a reckless dare-devil driver oblivious to speed limits with his ultra-customized car—all the while, organized crime and militaristic governments want to leverage the race to their own ends. Amongst the other elite rival drivers in the tournament, JP falls for the alluring Sonoshee—but will she prove his undoing, or can a high speed romance survive a mass destruction race?

CardGames: Social » IT207 » 21st October 2015

We will be playing card games, such as Yugioh, VanGuard and Magic the gathering. So please come and join in the fun!!

Screening of Takeshi's castle!: Social » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 22nd October 2015

We will be doing a joint event with Comedy Society. The show we are showing is Takeshi's castle, which is a Japanese game show. It features the Japanese actor Takeshi Kitano as a count who owns a castle and sets up difficult challenges for players to get to him. So please join us for a laugh.

Inter-Society Halloween Party!: Social » Galway, Galway City, Cellar Bar » 28th October 2015

It's that time of year again!! Party time!!It's in the Cellar Bar and only 5 euro entry fee for students!!You don't have to dress up, but it is highly recommended (as we do have prizes for the best dressed!!).

Horror Night with Video Game Soc: Social » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 29th October 2015

Join Anime Manga Soc and Video Game Soc for a fun night filled with the spookiest games and anime we can find! Bring some friends and come to the LAR. Prepare to be scared!

Gurren Lagann: Social » Anderson Lecture Theatre » 03rd November 2015

The screening of Gurren Lagann will be the first of a series of screenings on Tuesday night's, where we'll be watching Gurren Lagann the whole way through. Synopsis: In a faraway future, mankind lives underground in huge caves, unknowing of a world above with a sky and stars. In the small village of Jiha, Simon, a shy boy who works as a digger discovers a strange glowing object during excavation. The enterprising Kamina, a young man with a pair of rakish sunglasses and the passion of a fiery sun, befriends Simon and forms a small band of brothers, the Gurren Brigade, to escape the village and break through the ceiling of the cave to reach the surface, which few believe exist. The village elder won't hear of such foolishness and punishes the Brigade. However, when disaster strikes from the world above and the entire village is in jeopardy, it's up to Simon, Kamina, a girl with a big gun named Yoko, and the small yet sturdy robot, Lagann, to save the day. The new friends journey to the world above and find that the surface is a harsh battlefield, and it's up to them to fight back against the rampaging Beastmen to turn the tide in the humans' favor! Pierce the heavens, Gurren Lagann!

Card Games!: Social » IT207 » 04th November 2015

Come and join us and play some card games!! We play yugioh, magic the gathering and Vanguard.

Karaoke!: Social » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 05th November 2015

Come and join us for karaoke!! Doesn't matter if you can't sing. It's great fun!!

Gurren Lagann: Social » Anderson Lecture Theatre » 10th November 2015

Join us for some more of Gurren Lagann, we watched the first 8 episodes late Tuesday and we will continue on from there. And here is a description of what it is about. Synopsis: In a faraway future, mankind lives underground in huge caves, unknowing of a world above with a sky and stars. In the small village of Jiha, Simon, a shy boy who works as a digger discovers a strange glowing object during excavation.

Card Games: Social » IT207 » 11th November 2015

Join us for some card games, such as VanGuard, Magic the Gathering and Yugioh.

Perfect Blue Screening: Social » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 12th November 2015

Synopsis: Mima Kirigoe, a member of a pop-idol group called "CHAM!", decides to quit singing to pursue a career as an actress. Some of her fans are displeased with this decision though, particularly a stalker named Me-Mania. As Mima progresses into her new career, those close to her are violently murdered one by one, and Mima begins to lose the ability to distinguish reality from fantasy.

More Gurren Lagann!!: Social » Anderson Lecture Theatre » 17th November 2015

Yup, you guessed it!! We will be continuing with watching the series Gurren Lagann. So please join us again as we continue watching the anime.

Card games: Social » IT207 » 18th November 2015

Please join us this Wednesday as we play some card games such as Vanguard, Yugioh and Magic the Gathering.

Anime Roulette & Games!!: Social » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 19th November 2015

We will be showing random anime episodes, while also playing some board games with FanSci. And we can't forget about the interactive games too. Come join in on the fun.

Pokemon Christmas Special!!: Social » Anderson Lecture Theatre » 24th November 2015

We will be showing Pokemon Christmas themed episodes! There will also be refreshments, nom! nom!

Card Games: Social » IT 207 » 25th November 2015

We will be playing some card games in IT 207, there will all kinds of card games, such as Yugioh, VanGuard, and Magic the Gathering.

Gurren Lagann: Social » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 26th November 2015

We have moved to the LAR, but we will still be continuing with our showing of Gurren Lagann, right from where we left off last week!!

Anime Night + Night out: Social » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 14th January 2016

Come and join us at our event tonight to find out if anime is what you think it is..... or isn't ;) We look forward to seeing you there!! P.S We will be going out after the event, please join us for a few laughs and a bit of banter.

Movie Night!! Showing 'Paprika': Social » Fottrell Theatre AM200, Arts Millennium Building » 19th January 2016

Join us as we watch the movie Paprika!! Here is a description of it. Synopsis: In the near future, a revolutionary new psychotherapy treatment called PT has been invented. Through a device called the "DC Mini" it is able to act as a "dream detective" to enter into people's dreams and explore their unconscious thoughts. Before the government can pass a bill authorizing the use of such advanced psychiatric technology, one of the prototypes is stolen, sending the research facility into an uproar. In the wrong hands, the potential misuse of the device could be devastating, allowing the user to completely annihilate a dreamer's personality while they are asleep. Renowned scientist, Dr. Atsuko Chiba, enters the dream world under her exotic alter-ego, code name "PAPRIKA," in an attempt to discover who is behind the plot to undermine the new invention.

Card Games: Social » IT207 » 20th January 2016

Soul Eater screening: Social » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 21st January 2016

Join us as we watch Soul Eater and eat pizza!! Nom nom nom!! Set in the Shinigami technical school for weapon meisters. The series revolves around 3 groups, each consisting of a weapon meister and a human weapon. Trying to make the latter a "Death Scythe," which is the highest title for a weapon and thus fit for use by the Shinigami, they must collect the souls of 99 evil humans and 1 witch. Soul Eater revolves around Maka & Soul Eater, Black Star & Tsubaki, and Death the Kid with Patty and Liz Thompson. Besides taking the time to gather souls, these students of Shibusen defend Death City from some of the most powerful of creatures while still attending school and trying to become stronger.

Akumakon: Conference » Aras na MacLeinn » 22nd January 2016

Akumakon is an Anime, Manga and Japanese Culture event that happens in, NUI Galway. Being one of the biggest events like this in the West of Ireland, we aim to provide a fun-filled weekend for our attendees every January. Events we hold include cosplay events, video game tournaments, Japanese culture events, nerd culture-related events, a pub quiz, special guests, a trade hall and performances from many talented people. In 2015, Akumakon experienced its most successful year to date. We were privileged to welcome over 950 attendees through our doors and raised almost €3,000 for charities. Check our website for details <http://www.akumakon.com/>

Dragon Ball Z: Resurrection of F: Social » Fotrell Theatre, Arts Millennium Building » 26th January 2016

Join us in the Fortell Theatre for Dragon Ball Z: Resurrection of F. Description: One peaceful day on Earth, two remnants of Frieza's army named Sorbet and Tagoma arrive searching for the Dragon Balls with the aim of reviving Frieza. They succeed, and Frieza subsequently seeks revenge on the Saiyans.

Card Games: Social » IT 207 » 27th January 2016

join us as we play various card games such as Yuigoh, Vanguard, Magic the gathering. Bring your cards and join in on the fun.

Co-op with Video game Soc : Phoenix Wright n' stuff.: Social » The Large Acoustic Room, » 28th January 2016

Card Games: Social » IT207 » 03rd February 2016

Join us as we play various card games such as Yugioh, Vanguard and Magic the gathering.

Sword of the Stranger: Social » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 04th February 2016

Join us as we watch the Anime movie Sword of the Stranger!! The story is set in the Sengoku period. A rounin called Nanashi (meaning "nameless") saves a young boy named Kotarou at an abandoned temple. Kotarou has no family, is pursued by a mysterious militia organization from China, and hires Nanashi as his bodyguard. Amongst the men who pursue Kotarou is a man called Rarou, a skilled warrior with blond hair and blue eyes. He obeys an old man called Byakuran and is a member of the Chinese militia. Unlike his companions in the militia, he isn't serving any Emperor and just wants to fight with the strong.

Valentine's Speed Dating!!: Social » The Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn » 10th February 2016

Come and join us for speed dating!! There will be refreshments!!! Tell us your cheesiest pick up line, with the possible chance of winning a prize.

Card Games: Social » IT 207 » 10th February 2016

Join us for cards, we will be playing Yugioh, Vanguard and Magic the Gathering

Movie: Steam Boy: Social » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 11th February 2016

Join us as we get together with Victorian Society and watch the anime movie steam boy!! Synopsis: Ray is a young inventor living in the U.K. in the middle of the 19th century. Shortly before the first ever Great Exhibition, a marvellous invention called the "Steam Ball," behind which a menacing power is hidden, arrives at his door from his grandfather Lloyd in the U.S.

Awesome Co-op Night: Social » Aras na Mac Leinn » 18th February 2016

We have a pretty awesome night planned for you guys. We will be playing games with Video Game Soc, we will be given a Kendo demo by Nuig's Kendo Club. And we will be watching a live action Japanese show called Super Hero Taisen. There will be pizza and refreshments for all to enjoy. Hope to see many there!!

Card Games: Social » IT 207 » 24th February 2016

Join us for card games again this week!! You know the drill, bring cards and challenge others.

Ova of Gyo: Social » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 25th February 2016

Join us as we show the anime OVA of Gyo

The Cat Returns, a Studio Ghibli movie: Social » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 03rd March 2016

Join us to watch the Cat Returns.

Victorian Fair: Social » Bank of Ireland Theatre » 08th March 2016

We will have a table at the Victorian Fair this Tuesday. We will be showing Black butler and have our manga library there.

Card Games: Social » IT207 » 09th March 2016

Join us for card games again this Wednesday. WE will be having the usual rule, bring your cards and challenge someone!!

Movie: That's Cunning! Shijo saidai no sakusen?: Social » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 10th March 2016

We will be watching a Japanese movie. It's a Comedy!! Here is what it's about: Comedy about a group of chemistry students who organize a cheating scam during their final exams.

AGM: Social » Anderson Lecture Theatre » 07th April 2016

Ever wanted a position on the committee? Want to be a Con-Director for Akumakon? Or even Co-Con- Director? Well here is your chance to have a go. All you have to do is give a small speech as to why and answer a few questions. All Committee positions are up for grabs!!!

Committee 2015/2016

OCM: Jack Deane

Vice-Auditor: Christina Hynes

Secretary: Louise Walker

Librarian: Colan Kelly

Con Director: Eoghan Doyle

OCM: Roger Hannon

PRO: Brian Dillon

Auditor: Rory O'Connor

Treasurer: Lee Murphy

Health and Safety Officer: Julio Sanchis Arderius

Card Games Officer: Eoin O'Connor

PRO: Kitty Ryan

OCM: Jonathan Harte

Co Con Director: James Broderick

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Christina Hynes

Treasurer: Lee Murphy

Card Games Organiser: Eoin O'Connor

Con-Director: James Broderick

Vice-Auditor: Kristina Lazauskaite

Secretary: Kitty Ryan

PRO: Laoise Kelly

Safety Officer: Oskar Wisniewski

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€724.57	Bank charge	€57.45
Ecommerce Sales	€58.00	Dinner/Food	€549.98
Socs box Till	€494.00	Equipment misc	€275.80
USC Grant	€6,822.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€201.77
Total	€8,098.57	Prizes	€271.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,356.00
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€194.99
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€6,742.57
		Total	€8,098.57

Mission Statement

The mission of the society is to create an environment where people can enjoy Anime and Manga and embrace Japanese culture.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

The aims, objectives and goals of the Society shall be:

- To provide a forum to promote Anime movies, Manga comic books, Japanese games and Japanese culture as a whole
- To hold regular screenings of Anime television shows, movies and animated shorts
- To show Asian cinema as a whole
- To promote the reading of Manga
- To travel to Anime/Manga conventions as well as any other relevant Asian cultural events
- To organize the annual "Akumakon" Anime and Manga Convention

Society Performance Reflection

We did pretty well this year for the most part. We had a very productive year in the society with a 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. We also had a Kendo demo given by the Kendo club. This was the first time we had interacted with a club. Overall the society had a busy and excellent year.

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

We achieved the majority of our aims and objectives over the society year. We were able to spread Japanese culture through a Kendo demonstration. 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 have to be the new regulars that our society have gained through the year from events that interested the student body.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge was getting the new members of the committee to attend committee meetings and do the duties of their roles on the committee.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 13 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 13 committee members.

Anime and Manga Society ALIVE Certificates		
<u>James Lawless</u>	Akumakon Staff	23 hours
<u>Eoghan Doyle</u>	Convention Director	1000 hours
<u>Kyle Lynch-Kurzawa</u>	Akumakon Webmaster	160 hours
<u>Michelle Moore Temple</u>	Trade Liaison at Akumakon	100 hours
<u>Jonathan Harte</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	100 hours
<u>Bram Siebert</u>	Akumakon- Card Games Co-ordinator	40 hours
<u>James Houlihan</u>	Security at Akumakon 2016	35 hours
<u>Lee Murphy</u>	Treasurer	80 hours
<u>Kathleen King</u>	Volunteer for Akumakon	20 hours
<u>Hugh Murray</u>	Akumakon Public Relations Officer	44 hours
<u>Jack Deane</u>	OCM, Japanese Liaison for Akumakon	30 hours
<u>Joanna Orłowska</u>	Akumakon Volunteer	30 hours
<u>Niall Mullins</u>	Volunteer for Akumakon	25 hours
<u>Louise Walker</u>	Secretary	60 hours
<u>Julio Sanchis Arderius</u>	Health and Safety officer	20 hours
<u>Vanessa Kemmer</u>	Volunteer	20 hours
<u>Cheyenne Dunne</u>	Akumakon Volunteer	20 hours
<u>Kristina Lazauskaite</u>	Convention Volunteer	19 hours

<u>Rory O'Connor</u>	Auditor	912 hours
<u>Christina Hynes</u>	Vice Auditor	912 hours
# ALIVE Students:	20 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	3650 hours	

Other Information

We held 26 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 455 members. 13 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Arch Soc

As a whole the committee worked very well through term 1, however coming into term 2, constructive participation and communication issues occasionally hampered the smooth running of the society. This may also be reflected in the dwindling numbers to events, lectures and the field trip organised for semester 2. The Auditor's report commented on the excellent turn out to organised activities during term 1 and noted the dwindling numbers/interest by term 2. It would be in the best interest of the society to brainstorm ideas to keep interest going throughout the year and to establish within the committee clear lines of communication and action regarding roles and 'go to' people. Those of the committee who are the public face of the Arch Soc should be supported by the committee as active liaisons with the college at large to raise the profile of the committee, perhaps electing a first year rep. to assist in peer-to-peer communications. Planning is also a key issue that needs to be addressed in the coming year, especially during term 2 when academic workloads can become demanding and finally to also ensure the effective and enjoyable running of the Archaeology Society.

Arch Soc Events list (53 Individual Events)

Archaeology Society 'Meet and Greet': Social » AC201 » 07th October 2015

An Archaeology Society 'Meet and Greet', followed by a screening of the 1994 movie Stargate and concluding with a group social at the Sliding Rock (formally the Scholars Rest).



NUIG ArchSoc Photo Competition 2015-16: Other » Online » 09th October 2015

Every week we will be adding a new Image of an archaeological site chosen randomly from around the world – This is an ongoing weekly competition where your mission is to correctly Identify the site's name and location. Near the end of the 2015/16

Academic Year we will announce the Winner – the person who submitted the most correct answers to our competition – and they will receive a fantastic prize! Please Note: This competition is open to All Students of NUIG. Only one submission per competitor

each week will be accepted. To enter simply use the online form to submit your answers, good luck! Next Image will be posted on Friday 16th October 2015 <http://archaeological.space/photo-competition/>

Placenames of the Táin Bó Cúailnge – Guest Lecture by Paul Gosling: Seminar » AC204 » 13th October 2015

Placenames of the Táin Bó Cúailnge – A Guest Lecture by Paul Gosling Tuesday 13th of October in AC204, at 7pm (Room AC204 in the main concourse building of NUIG) Paul Gosling lectures full-time on built heritage in the Department of Heritage and Tourism at the Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology. He is a professional archaeologist and a member of the Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland. His research interests are focused on archaeological survey and his published work includes reports and papers on the field monuments of Co. Galway and Clare Island, Co. Mayo, as well as the topography of a number of towns. His research on the toponymic aspects of Táin Bó Cúailnge is being published as a series of papers in the County Louth Archaeological & Historical Journal. <http://archaeological.space/2015/10/09/placenames-of-the-tain-bo-cuailnge-guest-lecture-by-paul-gosling/>

NUIG ArchSoc Photo Competition 2015-16: Other » Online » 16th October 2015

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Revealing the Hidden Archaeology Submerged Beneath the Connemara Coastline: Seminar » AC204 » 20th October 2015

Michael Gibbons will be giving us a talk on “Revealing the Hidden Archaeology Submerged Beneath the Connemara Coastline”, next Tuesday 20th October, at 7pm in AC204. Michael currently works in heritage tourism, specializing in academic and cultural tourism to the Boyne Valley and the West of Ireland. Michael has extensive experience guiding groups both at home and abroad. As well as Ireland, he has led groups in the Sinai Peninsula, SW Turkey, Peru, the Outer Hebrides and has guided for some of the leading international cultural and activity tourism companies including Butterfield and Robinson and Martin Randall Travel. He remains an archaeologist in private practice, and makes regular contributions to archaeological and historical conferences in Ireland as well as delivering lectures to local archaeological and historical societies and contributing to archaeological and maritime programmes on local and national radio. He is a member of the Nautical Archaeology Society and his current research interests include the archaeology of Irish uplands and islands, in particular the maritime pilgrimage tradition. He has carried out detailed research on some of the most important of these including Skellig Michael World Heritage Site, St MacDara's Island and Caher Island. Recent archaeological work has included mapping the intertidal zone of the Galway and North-Burren Coast with a particular focus on the prehistoric midden complexes, vernacular quays, harbours and seaweed farms.

NUIG ArchSoc Photo Competition 2015-16: Other » Online » 23rd October 2015

Every week we will be adding a new Image of an archaeological site chosen randomly from around the world – This is an ongoing weekly competition where your mission is to correctly identify the site's name and location. Near the end of the 2015/16 Academic Year we will announce the Winner – the person who submitted the most correct answers to our competition – and they will receive a fantastic prize! Please Note: This competition is open to All Students of NUIG. Only one submission per competitor each week will be accepted. To enter simply use the online form to submit your answers, good luck! Next Image will be posted on Friday 16th October 2015 <http://archaeological.space/photo-competition/>

ArchSoc Halloween Screening of ‘The Mummy’ @ 7pm Tuesday 27 Oct: Social » AC204 » 27th October 2015

Special screening of ‘The Mummy’ at 7pm on Tuesday 27th October, 2015. In room AC204 (main concourse) NUIG. See you there. :-):-)

Bake Sale!: Other » Smokeys Cafe » 29th October 2015

Bake Sale to support the Archaeology Society. Also a chance to meet Arch Soc members, and get more information about international trips, and upcoming events.

NUIG ArchSoc Photo Competition 2015-16: Other » Online » 30th October 2015

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Templar Castle To New English Mansion – Lecture on Tuesday 3rd Nov @ 7pm: Seminar » AC204 » 03rd November 2015

Templar Castle To New English Mansion A Lecture by Kieran O'Conor – NUIG Archaeology Department On Tuesday 3rd November at 7pm in AC 204 (Main Concourse NUIG)

NUIG ArchSoc Photo Competition 2015-16: Other » Online » 06th November 2015

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Special Screening of 'The Mummy Returns' @ 7pm Tuesday 10 Nov: Social » AC204 » 10th November 2015

Special screening of 'The Mummy Returns' at 7pm on Tuesday 10th November, 2015. In room AC204 (main concourse).

NUIG ArchSoc Photo Competition 2015-16: Other » Online » 13th November 2015

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Clans, crannógs and clachans – examining medieval archaeological evidence through the lens of Irish kinship vocabulary:

Arts & Culture » AC 204 » 17th November 2015

Doctor Catherine Swift will be joining us to give a talk on kinship relationships in Ireland and how these relationships are captured in the language of the medieval period based on the fairly unique Gaelic settlement pattern of crannogs and clachans. Come see crannogs in a new light! Reception to follow at the Sliding Rock, Newcastle Road.

NUIG ArchSoc Photo Competition 2015-16: Other » Online » 20th November 2015

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Legend of Sleepy Hollow: Arts & Culture » AC204 » 24th November 2015

Come join us for a spooky celebration of Americana this Thanksgiving week! ArchSoc will be presenting 'The Legend of Sleepy Hollow,' based on the story by Washington Irving. Is it archaeology? If you count mysterious disappearances and untraceable material remains, sure it is! Don't lose your head over exams, join us for some jump-scaries and thrills instead.

NUIG ArchSoc Photo Competition 2015-16: Other » Online » 27th November 2015

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NUIG ArchSoc Photo Competition 2015-16: Other » Online » 04th December 2015

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NUIG ArchSoc Photo Competition 2015-16: Other » Online » 11th December 2015

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Archaeology Society Christmas Party: Social » Galway, Galway City, Sliding Rock » 14th December 2015

NUIG ArchSoc Photo Competition 2015-16: Other » Online » 18th December 2015

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NUIG ArchSoc Photo Competition 2015-16: Other » Online » 25th December 2015

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NUIG ArchSoc Photo Competition 2015-16: Other » Online » 01st January 2016

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NUIG ArchSoc Photo Competition 2015-16: Other » Online » 08th January 2016

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Meet and Greet Social: Social » Galway, Galway City, Sliding Rock » 14th January 2016

Come join us for our second term meet and greet, play the ridiculous NUIG Cards Against Archaeology, and share some snacks with your Archaeology Society. We promise we'll dig you!

NUIG ArchSoc Photo Competition 2015-16: Other » Online » 15th January 2016

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Excavations at Ballintober Castle, and the Castles in Communities fieldschool project': Other » AC 213 » 19th January 2016

Dr Niall Brady is former project director with the Discovery Programme, where he led the Medieval Rural Settlement Project, 2002-10, and where he directed research excavations at Tusk Fort, Co. Roscommon. He has now returned to Roscommon to conduct further research into the medieval period, and collaborates with American colleagues as part of the Castles in Communities archaeological and anthropological fieldschool project. In this talk, Niall will present some of the findings from their successful 2015 season, where work has begun on excavating among the substantial ruins of Ballintober Castle, built by Richard de Burgh, Earl of Ulster in the early 1300s,

NUIG ArchSoc Photo Competition 2015-16: Other » Online » 22nd January 2016

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Arch Soc: Board Games Night: Social » AC 213 » 26th January 2016

NUIG ArchSoc Photo Competition 2015-16: Other » Online » 29th January 2016

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NUIG ArchSoc Photo Competition 2015-16: Other » Online » 05th February 2016

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Archaeology Tuesday: Social » Galway, Galway City, Sliding Rock » 09th February 2016

Come join us for a fun night of informal discussion and debate on a topic (to be decided!) that affects archaeology today, while enjoying a beverage of your choice and some fantastic finger foods! You don't have to be taking archaeology as a course, this will be an interdisciplinary event! Hope to see you there!

Archaeological Tuesday: Social » Galway, Galway City, Sliding Rock » 09th February 2016

Join us for a semi-directed group talk about archaeology in Ireland, where it's going, and how we can help it get there, along with a couple beverages and snacks. It's bound to be lively!

NUIG ArchSoc Photo Competition 2015-16: Other » Online » 12th February 2016

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Lecture by Aidan O'Sullivan: Seminar » Siobhan McKenna Theatre » 24th February 2016

A Guest Lecture by Professor Aidan O'Sullivan MIAI, FSA, Associate Professor in Archaeology, UCD School of Archaeology. Director: UCD Centre for Experimental Archaeology and Material Culture Wednesday the 24th of February 7pm to 9pm in The Siobhan McKenna Theatre, AM Building second floor.

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ArchSoc EGM and Committee Meeting: Other » Meeting Room 2, Aras na Mac Leinn » 29th February 2016

You know you want to be a secretary! Come join us to elect our secretary for the remainder of the term, try standing for election yourself, or stay after the EGM and check out the inner workings of our committee so you can stand for next year's committee elections next month! We will hold the EGM for the election of secretary first, followed by the Committee meeting discussing the Wales trip, the evolution of the ArchSoc Constitution, and updates on the latest lecturers to appear before the Society. Hope to see you all there!

Careers in Archaeology with Josephine Walsh: Social » ac213 » 01st March 2016

Nearly done your degree? Trying to decide what subjects to keep? Looking for your next step in life? Come hear Josephine Walsh of the Careers Centre explain what sorts of job opportunities are available with an archaeology degree and feel better (or slightly less panicky, let's face it!) about stepping out into the real world. There will be a question and answer period for the curious!

NUIG ArchSoc Photo Competition 2015-16: Other » Online » 04th March 2016

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Lecture with Niamh Whitfield: Seminar » AC 213 » 08th March 2016

Lecture details to follow - watch this space!

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Scientific Approaches to Social Archaeology: Using isotopes and aDNA to investigate the remains from Roughan Hill:

Seminar » AC 213 » 15th March 2016

Lecture with Rós Ó'Maoldúin on an exciting topic in archaeology - not to be missed! Please join us for beverages, snacks and great craic after the lecture at the Sliding Rock.

NUIG ArchSoc Photo Competition 2015-16: Other » Online » 18th March 2016

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AGM and Wales Info Night: Other » AC 213 » 22nd March 2016

Want to know what your ArchSoc has been up to this year? Have great ideas for next year? Fancy a shot at meeting established and up-and-coming archaeologists on a more personal basis? Come hear what fantastic things we've been up to, who we've met and where we've been, and maybe take a shot at a committee seat yourself. After the end of the AGM, we'll be talking about everything you need to know about going to Wales with us - what to bring, where we'll go, and just how much fun you're about to have!

NUIG ArchSoc Photo Competition 2015-16: Other » Online » 25th March 2016

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Arch Soc/Geography Soc End of Year Soirée: Social » Galway City Museum » 21st April 2016

Arch Soc/Geography Soc End of Year Soirée will begin at the Galway City Museum and then move to another location for afters.

Committee 2015/2016

Vice-Auditor: Mary Pereira

Treasurer: Christine Neer

Auditor: James McKeon

OCM: Claire O'Neill

Committee 2016/2017

Secretary: Suzanne Hogan

Treasurer: Christine Neer

Secretary: Suzanne Hogan

OCM: Erin Hastings

PRO: Declan O'Shea

Auditor: Mary Pereira

OCM: Declan O'Shea

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	608.00	Bank charge	€86.98
Fundraising	€14.31	Dinner/Food	€735.18
Socs box Till	€360.00	Gifts	€51.00
Socs Till lodgement	€100.00	Materials	€1.29
USC Grant	€2,000.00	Received Money Returned	€100.14
		Reception	€856.20
		Services Hired	€400.00
		Socs Box Till Refund	€360.00
		Speaker accomm	€50.00
		Speaker travel	€120.00
		Stationary	€5.99
		Expenditure Total	€2,766.78
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€20.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€435.53
Total	€3,082.31	Total	€3,202.31

Mission Statement

NUIG Archaeology Society is committed to furthering the interests of students as well as supporting new and diverse voices in literary and academic fields. Arch Soc is interested in the history of Ireland and the so-called Celtic world, and takes advantage of the rich landscapes in Galway and the Republic of Ireland, but it also celebrates and studies archaeologies across the globe. Furthermore, our society recognizes that it is critically important to engage with issues related to preservation, and to threatened or endangered sites and landscapes, as well as the peoples who inhabit them.

Arch Soc is an all-inclusive society, and does not discriminate against sex, gender, age, race, or creed.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We are currently working on creating events that will bring greater membership diversity to our society -- from first-year archaeology students, to archaeology post-grads, to people who are simply interested in learning more about archaeology as a subject and practice.

Society Performance Reflection

We started off strong, we were ambitious and tenacious and our passion for archaeology was matched by no other. Unfortunately our membership did not receive the uptake we would have hoped and consequently have formed an action plan for beginning of term two to carry us forward into the next academic year 2016/2017.

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

Yes. We got great names in for lectures and we got the support from the staff we wanted. We maintained a sense of community throughout the year to carry us through the next year. We amended the constitution to better reflect our society and its mission statement and goals. Yes.

Greatest Success

Having a consistent lecture series.

Greatest Challenge

Encouraging undergraduate participation in the society

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 7 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 6 committee members.

Arch Soc ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Sonya White</u>	OCM & Public Archaeology Officer	10 hours
<u>James McKeon</u>	Auditor	300 hours
# ALIVE Students:	2 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	310 hours	

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 128 members. 6 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Art Soc

ArtSoc was an active and collaborative society this year, running frequent classes and events.

Open studio hours: We usually ran a two hour session of open hours in the art room about twice a week. These were very popular and provided a creative environment for members to meet each other and use the society's materials to work on their own artistic projects.

Classes: Many classes were held throughout the year. These included a series of still life classes in semester 1 in which members were taught using a variety of different mediums. An origami workshop was also held, as well as a highly popular pottery class in the second semester.

Events: The society was also involved in some very unique and exciting events, often working with other societies and allowing our members to incorporate different ideas and cultures in their work. We held two henna workshops, the first of which was so successful and popular that we were asked to repeat the event the night prior to Arts Ball so people could attend wearing the designs. We also collaborated with the African Caribbean Society (ACS) to produce art work, based on what Africa means to the members of both societies, that was displayed at their Afrofest event in March. We also held festive events for the holidays such as card making at Christmas and pumpkin carving for Halloween.

Art Society Events list (21 Individual Events)

Open studio: Arts & Culture » Art Room » 22nd September 2015

Open Studio: Arts & Culture » Art Room » 29th September 2015

Open Studio: Arts & Culture » Art Room » 30th September 2015

Open Studio: Arts & Culture » Art Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 16th November 2015

Open studio hours for students to use the space and materials in the art room to work on their own projects.

Art Class: Arts & Culture » Art Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 17th November 2015

The class will teach still lives in watercolour. There are a limited number of spaces so if you are interested please put your name on the sign up sheet that will be on the door of the art room from this Thursday till next Monday. It only costs 2 euro and if you put your name down please show up because there is a lot of interest and we don't want anyone to miss out. Look forward to seeing you there!

Open Studio: Arts & Culture » Art Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 18th November 2015

Open studio hours for students to use the space and materials in the art room to work on their own projects.

Open Studio and Christmas Cards!: Arts & Culture » Art Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 23rd November 2015

Open studio hours for students to use the space and materials in the art room to work on their own projects. We will also be providing materials for those who wish to make fun festive Christmas cards!

Art Class: Arts & Culture » Art Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 24th November 2015

The last art class of the semester is back on. Once again it will be still lives in watercolour and will cost 2 euro. Please don't forget to show up if you sign up!

Open Studio: Arts & Culture » Art Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 02nd February 2016

Open Studio. Use art room materials for your own projects.

Open Studio: Arts & Culture » Art Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 04th February 2016

Open Studio. Use art room materials for your own projects.

Dublin Gallery Trip: Arts & Culture » Dublin, Dublin City Centre, National Gallery and IMMA » 06th February 2016

Art Soc will be going to visit IMMA and the National Gallery of Ireland, the total cost is 2 euro this includes the bus up and back. The bus will be departing at the cathedral at 8:00 am and leaving dublin at approx. 4:30 pm.

HENNA NIGHT: Arts & Culture » Art Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 09th February 2016

Henna Night. Come to get amazing henna designs before Arts Ball!

Open Studio: Arts & Culture » Art Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 11th February 2016

Open Studio. Use art room materials for your own projects.

Open Studio: Arts & Culture » Art Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 16th February 2016

Open studio hours. Use the art room's materials to create and work on your own projects.

Open Studio: Arts & Culture » Art Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 18th February 2016

Open studio hours. Use the art room's materials to create and work on your own projects.

Art with ACS: Arts & Culture » Art Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 23rd February 2016

Collaboration between ArtSoc and African Caribbean Society. Members from both societies coming together to make artwork on what Africa means to them.

Open Studio: Arts & Culture » Art Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 25th February 2016

Open Studio hours for artsoc members to use the studio and it's materials to work on their own projects.

Open Studio: Arts & Culture » Art Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 29th February 2016

Open studio hours. Use the art room's materials to work on your own projects.

Origami Class: Arts & Culture » Art Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 29th February 2016

Drop in origami class. Drop in anytime between 6 and 8 to learn some origami skills.

Pottery Class: Arts & Culture » Art Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 11th April 2016

Pottery Class

AGM: Arts & Culture » Art Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 15th April 2016

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Shane Cunningham

Vice-Auditor: Oceane Gilles

Promotions Officer: Emma Kilcoyne

Secretary: Clare O'Donnell

Treasurer: Aine-May Gregg

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Shane Cunningham

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	2,207.75	Bank charge	€48.09
Classes	€81.00	Dinner/Food	€93.62
Socs box Till	€22.00	Makeup/Props	€18.00
USC Grant	€750.00	Materials	€147.72
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€3.70
		Returned Socs Money	€1,000.00

		Teacher fees	€280.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,591.13
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,469.62
Total	€3,060.75	Total	€3,060.75

Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide an outlet for students and staff at NUIG to explore and express their creativity. To engage with other artists and hopefully gain some further insight into the world of art.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

To provide a space for the artist of the university to practice their art.

To provide opportunities for the exchange of ideas, techniques.

Society Performance Reflection

I think overall our society did very well. The committee got along and communicated well, and so did all the members. The committee was composed entirely of first year students this year with no prior committee experience, so we were very much learning as we went, but we were all learning together. Our lack of experience meant we occasionally met with obstacles, mostly just finding the most effective way of running events and informing our members, but I think we dealt with these things very swiftly and efficiently. The Socbox was certainly a great asset whenever we had questions, but for the most part it felt like smooth sailing.

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

Our first aim was to provide a space for the artists of the university. We held open studio hours almost every week to facilitate this space, so I would certainly say this aim was met. We tried to change the hours frequently to maximize the number of students who could attend, if only a few times throughout the year. We also aimed to provide opportunities for the exchange of ideas and techniques. I think our frequent classes covered this, as well as the open hours when members could share their personal techniques. Our origami workshop was even ran by our own auditor. I think we were definitely successful in our aim of providing an open, creative environment.

Greatest Success

I think one of our greatest successes was probably the Henna workshops. We just wanted to try something new, and the response was fantastic. That said, all our events, including pumpkin carving and the collaboration with ACS had wonderful turn outs, including people who weren't even members of the society. So really the greatest success was just providing people with unique creative outlets and actually seeing them take advantage of them, be inspired and produce something they may otherwise not have.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge was certainly trying to plan a trip to Dublin to visit galleries. This was simply a case where our lack of experience with event organising caused us difficulty. We definitely learned from it though, we probably should have contacted the Socs Box earlier to see if we were going about it the right way (organising transport/ funding , etc). But we got some advice in the end, and I think any and all committee members staying on into next year have developed the skills to organise even better events and excursions in the future.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 5 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 5 committee members.

Art Soc ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Aine-May Gregg</u>	Treasurer	13 hours
<u>Oceane Gilles</u>	Vice-Auditor	50 hours
<u>Shane Cunningham</u>	Auditor	30 hours
# ALIVE Students:	3 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	93 hours	

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 450 members. 4 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Astronomy Society

This year, Astronomy Society screened a number of documentaries including episodes from Carl Sagen's "Cosmos" and Stephen Hawking's "Into the Universe". These documentaries provided a look at some of the basics as well as some of the more difficult concepts of astronomy and astrophysics through accessible means. Refreshments were provided at each of these events. At the beginning of the year we also hosted Lisa Marie Brown, a PhD student, who gave an introductory talk to astronomy. Tea and biscuits were provided for all attendees. We also had a number of collaborations with other societies. We screened the film "Apollo 13" with Baking Soc, we hosted "An Evening Under the Stars" with French Soc, and we co-hosted a speaker from Trinity College Dublin with Geos Soc. Before Christmas, we also screened episodes one to six of Star Wars before episode seven's release in December.

Astronomy Society Events list (16 Individual Events)

EGM and Cosmos !!: Social » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 16th September 2015

We will have an EGM for anyone who is interested in taking on a role in the society this year, followed by a screening of an episode of Cosmos. Pizza will be present!

Introduction to Astronomy: Social » O'Flaherty Lecture Theatre » 30th September 2015

Come join us in the O'Flaherty lecture theatre on the concourse where the lovely Lisa-Marie Brown will be giving an introductory talk on the wonderful world of Astronomy! If you've ever had an interest in the stars and planets or you just love looking at the night sky, come and share some nibbles with us and learn all about it!

Star Wars Episode 1: The Phantom Menace: Social » Anderson Lecture Theatre » 01st October 2015

Come join us as we embark on a journey back in time, long ago, in a galaxy far, far away. With "The Force Awakens" release ever looming, we're going to kick off our Star Wars marathon this Thursday with episode 1! So if you know anyone who for some unknown reason has not seen Star Wars yet or you yourself haven't seen it, then be there! Bring your friends too!

Cosmos!!!!: Social » O'Flaherty Lecture Theatre » 07th October 2015

Come join us as we enjoy the second episode in Carl Sagen's Cosmos and learn all about history and discovery in the world of science and astronomy!!

Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones: Social » O'Flaherty Lecture Theatre » 15th October 2015

Grab some friends and join us as we watch Star Wars episode 2!! Goodies will be on hand for everyone to enjoy as we continue our journey to a time long ago in a galaxy far, far away...

Star Wars Episode III: Social » O'Flaherty Lecture Theatre » 29th October 2015

With the release of the third teaser trailer for episode 7 last Tuesday, come join us in watching the third instalment of the great star wars saga in preparation for episode 7's release in December! We will be in the O'Flaherty lecture theatre at 8pm, so be there

Cosmic Tea Party!: Social » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 09th November 2015

In association with the wonderful people over at Baking Soc and Victorian Soc, we will be hosting a Cosmic Tea Party that will be "out of this world" !!!! Lots of cakes and other sweet things will be present, and when we're done chatting, we will be settling down to watch the awesomeness that is INTERSTELLAR! If you haven't seen this epic movie yet, now is your chance, so come on down.

Observation Evening: Social » all around campus » 11th November 2015

We will be taking out our formidable 12 inch telescope from the astronomy department and bringing it down to the riverside to have a look at the stars and the moon and to show you guys how to use a telescope! We will be beside the river just across from the physics department, where the benches are (if you walk along the river you'll find us). This event is weather dependent so keep an eye on the emails and Facebook page.

Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope: Social » O'Flaherty Lecture Theatre » 12th November 2015

Now begins the original Star Wars trilogy that changed cinema and sci-fi history! With only a few weeks left until episode 7, grab your friends and drag them to the O'Flaherty this Thursday at 7pm so that they can bask in the glory of Star Wars episode IV: A New Hope.

Star Wars Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back: Social » Anderson Lecture Theatre » 19th November 2015

Come join us and watch the fifth (and our favourite) instalment in the Star Wars Saga, The Empire Strikes Back! Almost finished!!

Star Wars Episode VI: Social » O'Flaherty Lecture Theatre » 26th November 2015

Come join us for the final instalment (so far!!!!!!) in the Star Wars saga. We'll be screening episode VI: Return of the Jedi and having lots of sweets as per usual. See you there!

Professor Ian Sanders, "Meteorites and Moon Landings" in collaboration with G-eos Society: Seminar » Marine Annexe Lecture theatre » 10th February 2016: In collaboration with G-eos Society we will be hosting Professor Ian Sanders from Trinity College Dublin. Mr Sanders is a specialist in meteorites and the first five million years of the solar system, and we are honoured to be able to facilitate a talk from him. So take advantage of this opportunity and join us! You are welcome to come from half 6 as there will be a small reception with refreshments!

"Une nuit sous les étoiles" with French Society: Social » ac 203 » 11th February 2016

Join us for some nibbles and conversation in our themed evening, "A night under the stars", collaboration with French Society. We'll have blankets to chill on and music to listen to as we enjoy the wonderful food French Soc will be providing!

"Into the Universe" with Stephen Hawking: Social » Anderson Lecture Theatre » 03rd March 2016

Join us in the Anderson on the Concourse where we'll be watching "Into the Universe" by Stephen Hawking, narrated by Benedict Cumberbatch! The first episode discusses the possibilities of aliens existing somewhere in the universe. Goodies will be provided as usual. Hope to see you there!

Into the Universe - Time Travel: Social » Anderson Lecture Theatre » 10th March 2016

Join us for the second instalment in Stephen Hawking's series, "Into the Universe", titled "Time Travel". It promises to be an interesting one, and goodies will be provided as usual. So come and bring friends!

AGM and "Into the Universe" with Stephen Hawking: Episode 3: Social » Joseph Larmor Theatre » 07th April 2016

Come take part in our AGM for the chance to be a part of the committee next year. After the AGM we will be watching the final episode of Stephen Hawking's "Into the Universe", The Story of Everything. PIZZA!

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Christopher Todd

Treasurer: Frances Synnott

Vice-Auditor: Cian O'Doherty

Secretary: Maria Doverman

Undergrad liaison: Sam Hickey

Postgrad liaison: James Barrett

OCM: Amy Joyce

Committee 2016/2017

Vice-Auditor: Christopher Todd

Secretary: Sam Hickey

Auditor: Patrick O'Shaughnessy

Treasurer: Morgan Healy

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,178.63	Affill/Mem fees	€20.00
USC Grant	€500.00	Bank charge	€24.35
		Dinner/Food	€76.00
		Equipment misc	€18.95
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€220.74
		Expenditure Total	€360.04
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,318.59
Total	€1,678.63	Total	€1,678.63

Mission Statement

To encourage an interest in astronomy and related sciences in students of the university through the use fun and educational media.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

To promote interest in astronomy, both through the use of educational documentaries and observation nights, as well as through the use of fictional works like Star Wars and Interstellar that could provoke thought about the possibilities of what could exist beyond Earth. Our objectives are to host observation evenings to allow our members to actively study the night sky and learn about it, to host informative talks and documentaries about astronomy, astrophysics and other related sciences, and to host movie nights that might draw in a larger crowd and engage them with the society.

Society Performance Reflection

Our society did quite well this year. We had a very successful first socs day, gaining over 400 new members. We also had a number of collaborations with other societies, which has been rare in previous years. We held a steady attendance at each of our documentary and film screenings throughout the year.

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

We achieved our aim of hosting documentary nights to educate our members about astronomy and science. We screened several episodes of Carl Sagen's "Cosmos" and Stephen Hawking's "Into the Universe". We also screened Star Wars. While they may not have been scientifically accurate, they were enjoyable and drew in a crowd that normally would not have come to an AstroSoc event, allowing us to talk to them and provoke their interest in our other events.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success this semester would be the number of collaborations with other societies. Not only was this a success because society collaborations have been rare for us before, but some of these were with societies that would not normally be associated with AstroSoc, such as BakingSoc, PotterSoc and FrenchSoc. These events attracted a bigger and more diverse crowd than we would normally reach on our own.

Greatest Challenge

The greatest challenge for this year was working with a mostly new committee to keep the society at an equal or greater level of success to previous years. The new committee worked well together however, and we feel that we maintained AstroSoc and kept its status as a great society

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 7 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 7 committee members.

Astronomy Society ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Cian O'Doherty</u>	Vice Auditor, Society Leadership Award	99 hours
<u>Amy Joyce</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	25 hours
# ALIVE Students:	2 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	124 hours	

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 574 members. 7 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Baking Soc

The aim of Baking Society is to spark interest and promote baking in NUI Galway.

Baking Society Events list (16 Individual Events)

Baking Soc EGM: Other » The Stage » 23rd September 2015

The Stage - Áras na Mac Léinn. Come and join our committee and enjoy some light refreshments. A lot of open positions for baking assistants and other! ^_^

Bake sale for MOAS: Charity » Smokies Cafe » 28th September 2015

Hey cupcakes! We are having a bake sale for MOAS (Migrant Offshore Aid Fund) in Smokey's from 12 to 5

Truffle Making Tutorial!: Other » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 29th September 2015

Come along and join us for a delicious truffle making tutorial! There will be plenty of different truffle mixes to customize your truffle, including a dairy free option, chili flakes to add a kick of spice, shredded coconut and more! ^_^

Julie and Julia Movie night!: Social » TBC » 06th October 2015

Baking Soc will be screening Julie & Julia on Tuesday the 6th! There will be sweets and fun times ^_^

Julie and Julia Film Screening: Arts & Culture » McMunn Theatre » 14th October 2015

Hey there! Join Baking Soc on Wednesday evening in the McMunn theatre for a film screening of Julie and Julia at 7pm! <3

Doodling & Cupcakes: Arts & Culture » AC216 » 20th October 2015

Why not spend your Tuesday evening munching on cupcakes and doodling your next masterpiece? There will be a few prizes given away for the most intriguing creation... And cake, there will be cake... Afterwards a hang out baking/artistic discussion in College Bar if the night is still young. With all that fun we will hopefully raise some funds for the voluntary run gallery in town - 123 Artist-run Gallery (which you should totally check out!). 2 euro entry. See you then! ^_^

Game of Thrones decorating competition!: Arts & Culture » The Stage » 05th November 2015

Join us in the Stage where we shall be dividing groups into Houses and decorating cakes and there'll be a prize for the best decorated cake inspired by the house!

Cosmic Tea Party: Arts & Culture » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 09th November 2015

Tea Party & Showing of Interstellar. Themed baked goods, pizza and tea. In collaboration with Victorian Soc and Astro Soc.

Writers Convention Bake Sale: Other » Arts Millennium » 30th January 2016

Bake Sale in support of the Writers Convention

EGM & Meet n' Greet: Social » Aras na Mac Leinn Meeting Room 2 » 04th February 2016

Join our baking committee and meet the baking squad! Pizza, tea and treats provided. College bar afterwards.

Multi Society Speed Dating!: Social » AC216 » 10th February 2016

Baking Soc, Writers Soc, Potter Soc and Anime and Manga will be joining forces to celebrate Valentine's Day with a Speed Dating event in AC216 at 7pm! Be there or be square! xoxo <3

Anti-Valentine's Bakesale: Charity » Smokeys » 15th February 2016

Hey Bakers! Did bae forget to get you something sweet for V-Day? Fret not! We are here to save the day with a Valentine's themed bake sale in Smokey's from 12pm with all the proceeds going towards Galway Rape Crisis Centre! See you there love bugs <3

Mug cake Workshop 2.0: Health & Lifestyle » IT204 » 24th February 2016

Join Baking Soc for a tutorial on how to make your own (somewhat) healthy, budget friendly and easy as pie mug cakes!

Baketastic bash: Social » Bailey Allen Hall » 10th March 2016

Fabulous Food Photography!: Arts & Culture » The View » 13th April 2016

Join us as we team up with Photo Soc for our final event of the year! We'll be taking some professional photographs of some of our favourite treats! If you have any wonderful delicious delight that you would like to share with us, please bring it along with you and watch it come to life through a lens! All welcome! :) <3

AGM! :): Training » ac213 » 13th April 2016

Hello lovelies! Following up on our successful photography workshop, we will be holding our AGM in the evening to elect a new dazzling committee for next year! There is a variety of positions available, as well as plenty of tea, cake, and pizza to go around to tingle your taste buds! :) Being part of a committee is so much more than just a position - it's a fantastic learning experience, looks great on a CV, opens up many opportunities for awards and merits with the university and you learn to work as part of a team with people who become very dear friends. <3 so come along and see where Baking Society can take you! See you all there! :)

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Daire Hickey McGovern

Public Relations Officer: Victoria Libucha

Vice-Auditor: Sinead Ni Bhearra

OCM: Vivienne Hovenden

Secretary: Ciaran Guy
Baking Assistant: Lucy Holden
Treasurer: Szymon Urbas
Baking Assistant: Maura Farr
Baking Assistant: Jessica Blue
Baking Assistant : Lindsay Patton
Baking Assistant : Mathilde Surin
OCM: Gr Rafferty

E&E: Aaron Reeves
Baking Assistant: Jocelyne-Joanne Fenez
Baking Assistant: David Branson
Baking Assistant : Helen Rose
Baking Assistant: Bridget Carney
Baking Assistant: Claire Moran
Baking Assistant : Lola Cattel

Committee 2016/2017

Baking Assistant: Sinead Ni Bhearra
Baking Assistant: Victoria Libucha
Auditor: Jocelyne-Joanne Fenez
Secretary: Laura Mulcahy
Events Manager: Lucy Holden

Baking Assistant: Ciaran Guy
Baking Assistant: Aaron Reeves
Vice-Auditor: Emily McNamara
Public Relations Officer: Kelly Dalton

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	630.06	Bank charge	€37.58
Fundraising	€165.00	Dinner/Food	€222.32
USC Grant	€500.00	Equipment misc	€132.96
		Hoodies	€180.00
		Materials	€427.76
		Services Hired	€50.00
		Socs day expenses	€13.75
		Expenditure Total	€1,064.37
		Closing Bank Balance	€230.69
Total	€1,295.06	Total	€1,295.06

Mission Statement

Baking Soc aims to promote baking on campus and general cooking skills.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We aim to hold a fun event each week.

We want to teach and improve baking skills, including healthy baking.

We aim to continue our charity work from last year as giving back to the community is a huge part of our society.

Society Performance Reflection

There were many popular events held by the baking society. Though we didn't do as well as we had hoped (we wanted to go to BICS), we inspired new members and now have a strong committee for next year.

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

We held many popular events during the year. The workshops (truffle making and the mug cakes) were there to teach others simple ways of non-bake baking. The cookbook we produced also provided simple recipes. We held many fundraisers and collected a significant sum of money for various charities.

Greatest Success

I don't believe there was a single greatest success but rather the overall contribution to charity by the society during the year.

Greatest Challenge

The baketastic bash.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 12 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 13 committee members.

Baking Soc ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Aaron Reeves</u>	Events and Equipment Vice	200 hours
<u>Ciaran Guy</u>	Secretary	250 hours
<u>Sinead Ni Bhearra</u>	Vice-Auditor	300 hours
<u>Daire Hickey McGovern</u>	Auditor	400 hours
<u>Szymon Urbas</u>	Treasurer	340 hours
<u>Victoria Libucha</u>	Public Relations Officer	400 hours
<u>Vivienne Hovenden</u>	Vice-Auditor, Ordinary Committee Member	120 hours
# ALIVE Students:	7 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	2010 hours	

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 860 members. 3 of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Best Buddies

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

However in relation to the society, it is not obligatory to commit to the programme and become a volunteer with Ability West, as the society's role is two-fold... to direct people who wish to volunteer in the direction of Ability West, and to raise awareness about disability around college through campaigns and events. These events can be undertaken by all members, such as speed-dating in the dark, 'Ban the R-Word' and information evenings among others. There will also be fundraisers for Ability West and other organisations and many social events, all with the ultimate goal of stripping away the connotations that lie on people with intellectual disabilities.

Best Buddies Society Events list (14 Individual Events)

Friendship, Fun and Photo booth! #littlethings: Health & Lifestyle » Smokies Table, Concourse » 07th October 2015

A fun event which includes: An Anonymous Problem Board. Get a problem off your chest and help someone else with there's anonymously, stick your problem on the board and help someone else with there's in the theme of Mental Health Week "Problems feel smaller when you share them". Photo Booth. Come get your photos taken for Mental Health Week with Best Buddies. Share the photos and raise Mental Health Awareness for Mental Health Week.

Welcome Party: Social » Galway, Galway City, Westwood Hotel » 03rd November 2015

All members are invited to the Welcome Party in the Westwood Hotel from 7-9 pm. Come along to meet the buddies, play some games and get to know other society members! Refreshments will be provided.

Training Night: Training » ac213 » 09th November 2015

Hey Best Buddies, we have a training night on Monday 9th November for all volunteers!! This training night is only for our members who are being garda vetted and who want to volunteer with the society this year. This training is very important if you wish to continue your application process. Volunteers from last year are welcome to come to for a refresher.

Ban the 'R' Word: Health & Lifestyle » Smokies Table, Concourse » 11th November 2015

Hey everyone! Best Buddies will be hosting a table on the concourse (next to Smokey's) for Social Inclusion Week. We are hoping to get as many signatures as possible on a petition to 'Ban the 'R' Word' around campus. The labels and words we use can have a negative effect on other people's lives. Slurs and derogatory terms can also give a false impression of people with mental disabilities. We're hoping to raise more awareness about this on campus. Please sign our petition on Wednesday 11th Nov.

Best Buddies Bake Sale!: Other » Concourse Table B » 16th November 2015

Come to our yummy bake sale! There will be a variety of delicious treats perfect for those with a sweet tooth and will hopefully raise some money for our volunteer society.#yumyumfood #bettogether #bestbuddies #hashtag

Christmas Party: Social » Galway, Galway City, The Connacht Hotel, » 24th November 2015

Hey guys! There's a Christmas party for volunteers going on in The Connacht Hotel on Tuesday the 24th Nov. It's a joint party with the GMIT Best Buddies. Refreshments and a good time will be provided.

Table Quiz: Social » College bar » 25th November 2015

We're having a TABLE QUIZ which will be taking part this coming Wednesday the 25th of November in the College bar at 7:30!! Please do come along as it is a free event. There will be a lot of fun rounds and lots of goodies up for grabs too!! If you don't remember your team or if you haven't been sorted into teams don't worry we can change around the teams :)

Bowling Night: Social » Galway, Galway City, The Planet » 09th March 2016

There's a Best Buddies bowling night on Wednesday for all the volunteers! RSVP to Linda's email.

Table Quiz: Other » College Bar, Back room » 15th March 2016

Best Buddies are hosting a table quiz in the college bar on the 15th of March!! Bring a team (four people per team) or just yourself and we'll sort you out! Fantastic prizes are up for grabs, so get your thinking caps on. There is a small entry fee of €3 per person.

AGM: Other » Áras na mac Léinn - The Stage » 18th April 2016

Annual General Meeting (AGM) to discuss the society's year, go through the secretary's report, and elect next year's committee.

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Hannah Kindregan

Treasurer: Tara McIntyre

OCM: Ceire Burke

Events Officer: Christopher Lund

PRO: Adie Bourke

Vice-Auditor: Heather Robinson

Secretary: Neil Kernan

Events Officer: Jamie Place

Events Officer: Meagan Grant

OCM: Bernadette Bergin

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Heather Robinson

Vice-Auditor: Hannah Kindregan

Secretary: Neil Kernan

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,476.80	Ball	€560.00
Fundraising	€680.00	Bank charge	€15.10
Socs box Till	€580.00	Entertainment	€250.00
USC Grant	€500.00		
		Expenditure Total	€825.10
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,411.70
Total	€3,236.80	Total	€3,236.80

Mission Statement

Our society aims to create opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities. Our society's main purpose is to allow volunteers to become a companion to a buddy with a disability and provide them with a friend or a mentor. Our main value is friendship and equality for people with intellectual disabilities.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Our objective is to promote the issues surrounding the discrimination of people with intellectual disabilities. We also aim to create a much stronger community on campus between our volunteers. To achieve these goals we will be hosting events such as: 'Ban the R' word' campaign, training nights for our volunteers, monthly events for our volunteers and fundraisers which will also provide information on our society.

Society Performance Reflection

Our Society did very well this year. We had a very active committee that organised a lot of events for the members, both with and without the Buddies. There were very successful bake sales, table quizzes, mood boards, awareness campaigns like 'Ban the R Word' and bowling and arcade outings. Not to mention the end of year ball involving everyone from NUIG, Ability West and GMIT that volunteers within the Best Buddies program and Ability West.

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

The primary focus of the Society is to work with Ability West to bring service users and students together. We achieved this again this year and even had more willing volunteers than Ability West were able to use. As such many of our members volunteered within Ability West in a different capacity to the Best Buddies program. The Society is growing and evolving and will continue to do so in coming years.

Greatest Success

The greatest success of the year has been the impact that each individual volunteer has made in the lives of the service users. The Best Buddies Society liaises with Ability West to bring about friendships that may not otherwise develop. These are small successes that build on each other and improve the lives of everyone involved. The success of the Society lies in the inclusiveness and community created, the understanding and removal of societal taboos and the gratitude and happiness that are experienced by both the volunteers and the Buddies.

Greatest Challenge

Something that the committee wished to tackle this year was creating more of a community within the university for the Society members. It was observed that few of the volunteers outside of the committee knew each other. The committee organised events for members to get to know each other such as table quizzes and bowling. These were outside of the Society's primary focus but proved very helpful in creating a sense of community and support for the members, a vital part of the Best Buddies message.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 9 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 5 committee members.

Best Buddies ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Ella Murphy</u>	Volunteer, PR Committee	25 hours
<u>Jane O'Sullivan</u>	Volunteer	8 hours
<u>Diana Alrumhi</u>	Volunteer	23 hours
<u>Lucy Dockery</u>	Volunteer	12 hours
<u>Heather Robinson</u>	Vice-Auditor and Volunteer	21 hours
<u>Eleanor Burke</u>	Volunteer	20 hours
<u>Nuala Murphy</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Rachel Buckley</u>	Volunteer	15 hours
<u>Tara McIntyre</u>	Treasurer	30 hours
<u>Sianna Fallon</u>	Volunteer	25 hours
<u>Sara Fuller</u>	Volunteer	12 hours
<u>Christopher Lund</u>	Events Officer	30 hours
<u>Hannah Kindregan</u>	Auditor	55 hours
<u>Adie Bourke</u>	Public Relations Officer	10 hours
<u>Meagan Grant</u>	Vice Public Relations Officer, Volunteer	35 hours
<u>Neil Kernan</u>	Secretary and Volunteer	30 hours
<u>Orla Kemple</u>	Volunteer	40 hours
<u>Julie O'Connor</u>	Volunteer	30 hours
<u>Edel O'Meara</u>	Volunteer	15 hours
<u>Ben Murphy</u>	Volunteer	12 hours
<u>Amy Mannion</u>	Volunteer	26 hours
# ALIVE Students:	21 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	484 hours	

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 436 members. 10 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Bike Gang Society

We are an NUI Galway society for all who love cycling! The aims of the Society are to encourage cycling on campus and in Galway and 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.

Committee 2015/2016

Treasurer: Wiebke Hasselmann

Secretary: Zoe Tooker

Vice-Auditor: Colin Sweeney

Officer for Human Interaction: Andrew Shine

Auditor: Laura Klige

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Laura Klige

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	373.54	Bank charge	€22.85
Members Contributions	€11.12	Dinner/Food	€182.12
USC Grant	€500.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€6.00
		Expenditure Total	€210.97
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€673.69
Total	€884.66	Total	€884.66

Mission Statement

To spread the joy and culture of cycling, in all its forms!

Aims, Objectives & Goals

To raise awareness on the ecologically benefitting, economically sound, health improving and mood uplifting mode of transport that is the human powered, pedal pushed bicycle.

Society Performance Reflection

This year through our relationship with An Mheitheal Rothar a number of students were able to attend their workshops to fix their bikes. We hosted a number of 'Meet, Greet & Eat' events which allowed us to get to know what our members would like to see from us. We also participated in and helped organise the newly revived critical mass which has been great fun and had a movie screening.

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

Our aims, objectives and goals are fairly abstract but I believe through all our activities we are working towards raising awareness of all the wonderful things our bikes do for us (apart from just getting us from A to B).

Greatest Success

Personally I consider our greatest success as our symbiotic relationship with An Mheitheal Rothar, a number of our members attend their workshops both to fix their bikes and to volunteer and we work with them on a number of projects. I also believe that working on the revival of Critical Mass has been a great success and can't wait to see it continue to grow.

Greatest Challenge

Planning trips and probably the things which seem simplest now, organising emails, calendar and those kinds of things, just finding my feet basically.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 5 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 2 committee members.

Bike Gang Society ALIVE Certificates		
Zoe Tooker	Secretary	40 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	40 hours	

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 201 members. 2 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Botany Soc

For the academic year 2015-2016 Botany Society as a whole has flourished. The 1st semester was a huge success with so many international students joining the society to the point that we had to create an international student liaison committee member. All our field trips had high numbers attending and were received incredibly well. Within the college grounds events such as our viewings of David Attenborough's Secret Life of Plants and our Grow it Yourself workshop brought lots of diversity to the activities we carried out. Between Society Days and individuals finding the society through posters and word of mouth we added over 200 new members to the society which is a huge boost to a growing society. We are also proud to have gained an affiliation with the botany department as we feel that the growing relationship between students and staff is an important part of making Botany Society stand out in the coming years.

Botany Society Events list (28 Individual Events)

Pizza in College Bar!!: Social » College bar » 16th September 2015

Hey members! Come along Wednesday the 16th to hang out and eat free pizza. We might play some card games or something :) everyone is welcome feel free to bring your friends! Also if you have any ideas for events for Bot Soc let us know on the night. Hope everyone can make it! Also like our Facebook page at "Botany Society NUIG" as we are pretty active on that :)

Committee Meeting: Social » Mairin de Valera, top floor of Aras de Brun » 29th September 2015

Hey members! We are having a committee meeting in the Mairin de Valera seminar room on Tuesday at 6pm. We hope to keep these meetings as regular occurrences weekly so that anyone who is a member can come, hang out, have some snacks and chats and discuss any ideas you might have for upcoming events or changes we could make. Everyone is welcome! We are really enthusiastic about meeting new people and anyone that would like to be a bit more involved in Botany Society. We also have a lot of events and ideas for the next while and would appreciate any help or inputs you may have!! If anyone has any problems or questions feel free to contact us through the email botanysoc@socs.nuigalway.ie or through our Facebook page Botany Society

"Meiosis in Cereal Crops: Dreams of a `Cereal` Killer!": Seminar » Mairin de Valera, top floor of Aras de Brun » 06th October 2015

This Tuesday the 6th we are hosting our first guest speaker Dr. Isabelle Colas, coming to us from Dundee, in the Mairin de Valera room (top of Aras de Brun). It will be starting at 6.30pm with refreshments and the talk starting at 7pm. Also, we usually all hang out once the talk is over with the afters in the Sliding Rock bar (previously the Scholars Rest). "Chromosome rearrangement or "crossing over" during meiosis is one of the key drivers of genetic diversity. However, there is still lots to understand about the process! Dr. Isabelle Colas aims to tackle fundamental questions during this process in some of the most important cereal crops in the world, including wheat and barley, in order to help future breeding strategies and boost crop yields for the future!!"We hope to see you all there :)

"The Private Life of Plants" showing + Pizza!: Arts & Culture » Anderson Lecture Theatre » 08th October 2015

This Thursday the 8th in the Cairnes Theatre on the concourse @6pm, during mental health week, we welcome everyone to have a nice chill evening to come watch one of David Attenborough`s documentaries. We will be showing the first episode "Travelling" of the series "The Private Life of Plants". This series was aired in 1995 and is an beautiful presentation of the way in which plants get from one place to the next using time-lapse photography. We hope you will all join us for this relaxing evening with this unusual documentary, Attenborough`s famous soothing voice and some free pizza, for a blooming good time! Bring your friends, everyone is welcome :)

Botany Society Meeting: Conference » Aras de Brun » 13th October 2015

Welcome to another week of Botany!! Come along to our meeting Tuesday evening we'll have some snacks and good craic!! Younger members are encouraged to come and give us ideas about what way you want this society to do in the future! 6:30 Aras de Brun. Don't LEAF us hanging!!!

Mushroom Hunt!: Social » Mairin de Valera, top floor of Aras de Brun » 17th October 2015

Hey members! We are delighted to announce that we will be hosting a mushroom hunt on Saturday 17th October! Cesare Morciano is our mushroom foraging and edibility expert who will give a quick talk from 10-11am and then we will all head out on a bus to Clonbur woods (just outside Galway) to start our hunt. It will be a lovely day out in the woods, a change from being in college all week! We hope to leave at 11.00am and get back to college for 5.00pm where we will spend a bit of time identifying what we have foraged! It will cost just €5 to come on the trip and tickets can be purchased from Monday 12th at the socs box until Friday 16th. We have a limit of 15 people that can go, and there seems to be a lot of interest this year so tickets will sell fast!! It was so much fun last year as you can see from the pictures on our Facebook page so do come along it will be such a good day out!!! :D

BotSoc Meeting!: Other » Mairin de Valera, top floor of Aras de Brun » 21st October 2015

We have changed our meeting days to Wednesdays @6.30pm every week!! Feel free to come along, at whatever time you can, bring a friend or snacks, to chat with us about upcoming events and possible ideas we could plan! It doesn't matter if you are not in the committee, don't do botany or even know anything about plants :) Aras de Brun is the building to the left of the library around the corner (coming from the library doors) and the classroom is on the top floor! Hope to see you there!! (",)

BOTANY SOC FILM NIGHT!: Social » AMB-G036 Seminar Room » 28th October 2015

We will be hosting a screening of the second episode of David Attenborough's series 'The Private Life of Plants'. Come along and meet the gang and get another look at David Attenborough's adventures in the wild world of plants.

BotSoc Meeting!: Other » Mairin de Valera, top floor of Aras de Brun » 28th October 2015

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Guest Speaker!! "Peering through the Plant Nuclear Pore (and falling out the other side).": Seminar » Mairin de Valera, top floor of Aras de Brun » 02nd November 2015

Aloe all Monday the 2nd of Nov., we have another guest speaker!!!Dr. Geraint Parry will be speaking about" Peering through the Plant Nuclear Pore (and falling out the other side)." (details below). Our first talk happened to be quite heavy material so it has been requested that the speakers from now on all levels of botany knowledge (even if that is none at all!) @ Seminar Room, Top Floor, Aras de Brun (the building to the left of the library) Refreshments @ 6.30PM Talk @ 7PM then we all head to The Sliding Rock pub as usual afterwards for general chats! Geraint Parry is the National Coordinator for the GARNet Network that supports Plant Science research in the UK and beyond. Previously he was a PI at the University of Liverpool, which followed nine years of postdoctoral research in the USA. He will discuss his research interests in the plant nuclear transport and auxin signalling as well as the importance of finding the translational potential within your work. He will attempt to offer some advice for young researchers and discuss what he sees as future directions for plant science. www.garnetcommunity.org.uk
www.geraintparry.weebly.com ALL ARE WELCOME! Seed you there!!

BotSoc Meeting!: Other » Mairin de Valera, top floor of Aras de Brun » 04th November 2015

We have changed our meeting days to Wednesdays @6.30pm every week!!Feel free to come along, at whatever time you can, bring a friend or snacks, to chat with us about upcoming events and possible ideas we could plan! It doesn't matter if you are not in the committee, don't do botany or even know anything about plants :) Aras de Brun is the building to the left of the library around the corner (coming from the library doors) and the classroom is on the top floor! Hope to see you there !! (",)

BotSoc Meeting!: Other » Mairin de Valera, top floor of Aras de Brun » 11th November 2015

We have changed our meeting days to Wednesdays @6.30pm every week!! Feel free to come along, at whatever time you can, bring a friend or snacks, to chat with us about upcoming events and possible ideas we could plan! It doesn't matter if you are not in the committee, don't do botany or even know anything about plants :) Aras de Brun is the building to the left of the library around the corner (coming from the library doors) and the classroom is on the top floor! Hope to see you there !! (",)

Second Mushroom Hunt!!!: Other » Mairin de Valera, top floor of Aras de Brun » 14th November 2015

o, because there was such a high demand for the first Mushroom hunt we were asked to put on another! This time we have had a bit of rain so we are expecting lots to be growing! Saturday the 14th of November, Cesare Morciano, our mushroom expert, will guide us through Clonbur woods to find all different kinds of mushrooms. He will do a quick talk first @10am. We will leave NUIG @11am and head out into the wilderness until 4pm. We expect to be back @ 5pm when we will then rummage through our findings and identify them together. You will also get to take some home to eat!! the tickets will be on sale Monday 9th-Friday 14th and will be €10 in the Socs Box. Make sure to get your ticket on time because it sold out very fast the first time round and there is not mushroom on the bus! So come join us for this fun and relaxing day in the woods!! If you want to see pictures of our lovely faces at the last one and last year's one go to our Facebook page at Botany Society NUIG and give us a like. Also remember to renew your membership if you have not already, on the NUIG societies page and logging in to `Your Space`.

BotSoc Meeting!: Other » Mairin de Valera, top floor of Aras de Brun » 18th November 2015

We have changed our meeting days to Wednesdays @6.30pm every week!!Feel free to come along, at whatever time you can, bring a friend or snacks, to chat with us about upcoming events and possible ideas we could plan! It doesn't matter if you are not in the committee, don't do botany or even know anything about plants :) Aras de Brun is the building to the left of the library around the corner (coming from the library doors) and the classroom is on the top floor! Hope to see you there! (",)

Attenborough and Chill: Social » Thomas Dillon theatre, on the Concourse » 19th November 2015

Thursday the 19th @6.30 in Dillon theatre we are doing a David Attenborough showing! This will be the third episode of the "Private Life of Plants" series, "Flowering"... "This instalment looks at the ways in which plants procreate. Examining how plants use brightly coloured flowers and sweet scents to lure animals to them so they can spread their seeds to other flowers."-IMDb
What you need to know: Pizza, Plants, (P) fun. EVERYONE IS WELCOME...BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND CHILL...SEE YEW THERE (",)

Guest Speaker!! -Securing commercial potato production against the global pathogen *Phytophthora infestans*: Is genetic engineering (GM) a sustainable option?: Seminar » Mairin de Valera, top floor of Aras de Brun » 24th November 2015

We have our final guest speaker of first semester coming on the 24th of November, and it is going to be a very interesting and topical one!!The topic of GM foods is very popular at the moment so we asked Ewen Mullins to come and speak about GM food in relation to potatoes...Here is a brief description of the talk: "Potatoes are a staple food for Ireland and Europe worth over €6 billion per year however, potato blight infection caused by *Phytophthora infestans* is a constant threat for farmers. As a result constant fungicide sprays are needed to counteract this blight infection which adds more cost, stress and labour to the average potato farmer. At Oak park in Teagasc, Dr Ewen Mullins is leading a team to assess the agri-environmental impact of the growth of blight resistant GM potatoes in Ireland." Detail as usual: Aras de Brun (to the left of the library) Mairin de Valera seminar room=top floor!!Refreshments @6.30Talk starts @7-8 Afters in the Sliding Rock (previously Scholars Rest) Everyone is welcome, no matter if you have a botanical background or not, bring your friends...We will see you there!! (".)

BotSoc Meeting!: Other » Mairin de Valera, top floor of Aras de Brun » 25th November 2015

We have changed our meeting days to Wednesdays @6.30pm every week!!Feel free to come along, at whatever time you can, bring a friend or snacks, to chat with us about upcoming events and possible ideas we could plan!

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Hope to see you there !! (".)

First Guest Speaker Semester 2!!!: Seminar » Mairin de Valera, top floor of Aras de Brun » 19th January 2016

Dots on maps- Why do they matter?

Maria Long from BSBI (Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland), will be coming to speak for us on how we know where our wild plants are. She will explain who BSBI are, what they do and why it is important. If you have any interest in wild plants do come along, and bring friends! What you need to know: Reception: 6.30. Talk: 7-8. Room: In the building Aras de Brun which is to the left of the library, in the trees, the room is on the top floor. Afters: in the sliding rock pub!

See you there :)

EGM: Other » Máirín deValera Seminar Room. Top floor of Áras de Brún » 17th February 2016

So we've updated the constitution for botany society and we are holding an EGM on Wednesday 17th at 7:00pm in the Máirín de Valera seminar room (Top floor of Aras de Brun). At the EGM we are going to be holding a vote to put the new constitution through. So come along and weigh in! By the way this is a great chance to come meet the committee and members in bot soc if you want to get more involved!

Hippie Night: Social » Galway, Galway City, Seven Bar » 23rd February 2016

We're going down to funky town next Tuesday at the Seven bar in Galway! Slap together your best hippie costumes and get ready to boogie with the botany gang. There's finger food, games, and prizes for the best costumes! New faces always welcome! No plant-smarts needed!

Symmetry Matters in Gynoecium Development: Seminar » Máirín deValera Seminar Room. Top floor of Áras de Brún » 01st March 2016

Botany Society are delighted to welcome Prof. Lars Østergaard of the John Innes Centre for a talk on his current latest research. The development of the female reproductive tissues is imperative for the survival and evolution of flowering plants. This process is tightly controlled by a number of factors including responses to important plant hormones like Auxin. Prof. Østergaard's work involves unravelling the mechanistic basis of Auxin on female reproductive tissue development as well as identifying key genes involved in this process.

Western Herbal Medicine - Where are we now?: Health & Lifestyle » Máirín deValera. Áras de Brún » 08th March 2016

We are delighted to welcome Sinead Keane to talk to us about Herbal Medicine. She will tell us the history of herbal medicine, particularly in Ireland, and the relationship between modern medicine and herbal medicine. Sinead will also look at some common hedgerow plants and their medicinal uses. Refreshments will be served at 6:30. Looking forward to seeing some new faces there.

Grow It Yourself: Health & Lifestyle » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 10th March 2016

If you want to learn how to grow your own food or to sustainably manage waste and compost then this is the event for you!!! We will have a stand for Wellness Week advertising our upcoming event called Grow It Yourself in the Bailey Allen Hall! This will be a collaboration of us, CCAFS and Organic Gardening soc with a company called GIY."GIY is an emerging global network of people who grow some of their own food. With the rise of diet-related illness, there has never been a more urgent need for people to grow and eat healthy food. Research has shown that when people grow some of their own food, they gain a deeper understanding of food ("food empathy"), which leads to long term dietary changes and improved mental and physical wellbeing. Founded in Ireland in 2009, each year GIY supports over 65,000 people and 1,500 community food groups and projects, inspiring and supporting people to grow food at home, school, work and in the community. The not-for-profit GIY organisation runs events and campaigns to build awareness and knowledge about food growing. If you buy a ticket you will get to be involved in a workshop on how to grow your own food!!! Along with some talks, materials and emails with tips and advice. We are very excited about this as we hope it will help people to be able to grow organic food wherever you are and get involved in getting NUIG's organic garden full of growing food!! Tickets will be on sale at our stand in the Bailey Allen Hall €10 for students and €15 for staff. They will also be on sale in the Socs Box from Monday 7th on.

Grow It Yourself Smokies Stand: Health & Lifestyle » Smokies Table, Concourse » 18th March 2016

Have you ever wanted to grow your own food? Now's your chance to learn! Botany Soc, CCAFS Soc, and Organic Gardening Soc are all teaming up with GIY Ireland to bring you an affordable workshop right on campus! We will deliver a practical and inspiring workshop and seed sowing demo which will cover:- Planning and getting started- Detailed information on the 10 easiest to grow vegetables- Soil Preparation and Composting- Seed sowing and propagation- Growing and plant maintenance- Harvesting- Making the most of your produce and reducing food waste. In addition to the workshop, participants will receive: GIY Starter Resource pack includes:- A GIY wallchart and growing guide- Access to over 30 GIY video tutorials covering most of the main vegetables and growing guides for over 70 vegetable varieties- A copy of GROW – the GIY Magazine- A packet of GIY seasonal seeds- For one year participants will receive a weekly GIY information resource including growing tips, recipes, things to do each month etc. Tickets on sale now at Socs Box, €10 for Students, €15 for Staff. You can also book a spot at our table in Smokeys this Friday between 12 and 3 on Friday or come along to ask any questions/find out more. Open to NUI Galway Students and Staff only.

Grow It Yourself Tickets on Sale Now!!!!: Health & Lifestyle » SocsBox » 04th April 2016

Have you ever wanted to grow your own food? Now's your chance to learn! Botany Soc, CCAFS Soc, and Organic Gardening Soc are all teaming up with the company GIY, which stands for Grow It Yourself, Ireland (<http://www.giyinternational.org/>) to bring you an affordable workshop right on campus on April 12th from 7-9pm in the 1st year biology lab on the concourse! Tickets on sale now at Socs Box, €10 for Students, €15 for Staff. We will deliver a practical and inspiring workshop and seed sowing demo which will cover: Planning and getting started- Detailed information on the 10 easiest to grow vegetables- Soil Preparation and Composting- Seed sowing and propagation- Growing and plant maintenance- Harvesting- Making the most of your produce and reducing food waste. In addition to the workshop, participants will receive:- GIY Starter Resource pack includes: A GIY wallchart and growing guide. Access to over 30 GIY video tutorials covering most of the main vegetables and growing guides for over 70 vegetable varieties. A copy of GROW – the GIY Magazine. A packet of GIY seasonal seeds. For one year participants will receive a weekly GIY information resource including growing tips, recipes, things to do each month etc.

IN VIVO RNA STRUCTURE PROFILING: A transformative platform reveals a new way to regulate gene expression:

Seminar » Mairin de Valera, top floor of Aras de Brun » 04th April 2016

RNA processing is an important step in the regulation of proteins. However, trying to identify the structures of these molecules is extremely difficult in vivo. Dr Ding's lab is using novel, transformative platforms to identify the structures of RNA which gives clues to how they regulate protein accumulation in plants.

Grow It Yourself Workshop: Health & Lifestyle » First Year Biology Lab, Concourse » 12th April 2016

Have you ever wanted to grow your own food? Now's your chance to learn! Botany Soc, CCAFS Soc, and Organic Gardening Soc are all teaming up with GIY Ireland to bring you an affordable workshop right on campus! We will deliver a practical and inspiring workshop and seed sowing demo which will cover:- Planning and getting started- Detailed information on the 10 easiest to grow vegetables- Soil Preparation and Composting- Seed sowing and propagation- Growing and plant maintenance- Harvesting- Making the most of your produce and reducing food waste

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Tickets on sale now at Socs Box - €10 for Students, €15 for Staff. Open to NUI Galway Students and Staff only.

AGM ("),): Social » Meeting Room 2, Aras na Mac Leinn » 13th April 2016

It's that time of year again! We need to decide on next year's committee! We will be hosting our AGM Wednesday the 13th at 6pm in the Meeting room 2 which is just upstairs of the Bailey Allen hall in Aras Mac Leinn (not hard to find at all). If you have any interest in getting more involved with our society, please feel free to join in! No need for previous botany knowledge, we're all still learning! So come along, everyone is welcome, even just for chats, pizza and other goodies

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Louise Ryan

Contact: James Owens

Secretary: Stephen Corrigan

Liaison officer: Peter Ryder

Vice-Auditor: Deirdre Lynch

Treasurer: Conor Mullins

PR officer: Laura O'Sullivan

Societies Liaison: James Friel

Committee 2016/2017

Vice-Auditor: James Friel

Auditor: Deirdre Lynch

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	234.85	Bank charge	€34.69
Socs box Till	€590.00	Dinner/Food	€115.45
USC Grant	€1,340.00	Materials	€5.80
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€28.65
		Reception	€342.92
		Society transport	€220.00
		Socs Box Till Refund	€20.00
		Speaker accomm	€310.00
		Speaker travel	€239.26
		Teacher fees	€300.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,616.77
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€548.08
Total	€2,164.85	Total	€2,164.85

Mission Statement

Botany society fulfils the role of connecting students, faculty and the public (including guest speakers) via the world of plants.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

The aims of the society this year are to make it more accessible for non-botany students in the college. We want to branch out by networking with other societies and getting in touch with other botany related groups. We want to grow as a society by increasing numbers of members and the frequency of events. This year we plan to embark on a voyage of discovery into the field of botany and become budding botanists through learning from visiting guest lecturers and plant experts within the college.

Society Performance Reflection

The society flourished this year taking on many new member and increasing the number of events carried out including mushroom hunts, guest lectures, gardening workshops and others. The size of the committee also increased with the creation of new positions within the society for international student liaisons and other important roles.

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

The Grow It Yourself workshop was one of the biggest goals for society this year and after a lot of work and organisation carried out by Louise and others it was a huge success. The society's aim as a whole to become more accessible to younger students and individuals less familiar with botany was also reached as we had many more individuals from these demographics attending events this year. The new association with the botany department in Aras de Brun was another goal fulfilled for the year.

Greatest Success

GIY was the biggest success of the year with a full booking list and a lot of money changing hands. The fact that the society carried this huge project out in tandem with other societies within the college showed how much Botany Society has grown this year.

Greatest Challenge

Dealing with the costs of travel is very difficult for a society that bases most of its flashy activities in the outdoors. Hiring buses, paying drivers and asking attendees to incur the extra costs associated with travel is at times difficult to deal with.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 9 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 8 committee members.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 241 members. 2 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Business Society

Our society aims to get more students and people in the wider Galway community thinking about business and opening their mind to new ideas. It is really there to help any student that wants to get involved in Business in any form in the future by hearing from and mixing with people outside of the lecture hall, people that have had real life experiences in the workplace. We also feel that it is one of the best social societies in NUI Galway and we are proud to say that if societies are there to bring people of similar minds together, it accomplishes this.

The main events we host are speaker engagements, business trips, accountancy and recruitment skills sessions with KPMG, the NUI Galway International Mystery Trip and of course event of the year The NUI Galway Commerce Ball.

Business Society Events list (7 Individual Events)

BizSoc Presents: An evening with Erika Fox @RetroFlame: Seminar » CA111 St. Anthony's » 28th September 2015

This Monday we present former BizSoc member, Erika Fox with an honour award and lifetime membership. We will also listen to Erika speak about her life since leaving NUI Galway. How she is making a name for herself in NYC since her move in 2014, where she plans on staying for another 3 years thanks to the graduate visa. Erika Fox is currently one of Ireland's leading Fashion Bloggers and has worked with top fashion houses in Ireland, London & NYC. Olivia Palermo and Whitney Port to name a few. Her Fashion & Personal style blog – Retro Flame – is a compact diary of her travels, work, outfits and inspirations.

Commerce Ball ticket Pre Sale: Social » Smokies Table, Concourse » 02nd December 2015

BizSoc will be selling early bird after tickets for the Commerce ball Wednesday December 2nd in smokies at 12pm. Tickets are €30. The largest of the society balls takes place the 27th of January 2016 in the Radisson Blu.

Commerce Ball Ticket Sales: Other » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 12th January 2016

The annual Commerce Ball will be held in the Radisson Blu Hotel on Wednesday the 27th of January. Tickets for Final Year Commerce and B.I.S Students will be sold on Tuesday the 12th of January from 12 -3 in The View, Upstairs in Aras Na Mac Leinn. General ticket sales to all students will be held on Thursday the 14th of January in the Foyer of Aras Na Mac Leinn from 9-2. You must have student ID with you.

CommBall Ticket sales: Social » Smokies Table, Concourse » 25th January 2016

The last of the commerce ball tickets will be sold on Monday the 25th. 100 after tickets will be on sale with the remainder of the full tickets. After tickets €35 full tickets €60. CASH ONLY please bring your student card

Commerce Ball: Social » Galway, Galway City, Radisson Blu Hotel » 27th January 2016

LinkedIn Headshot Photoshoot: Other » Aras na Mac Leinn » 09th March 2016

Come and get a proper, professional headshot for your LinkedIn profile courtesy of the BizSoc all for €5. We have the perfect lighting available for flawless photos.

BizSoc AGM: Other » McMunn Theatre » 13th April 2016

We will be holding our AGM Wednesday the 13th of April in McMunn theatre. If you are looking to become involved in one of the biggest societies on campus next year then you should come along!

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Cian McLoughlin

Treasurer: Jessica Daly

Strategic Director: Tracey Brady

Secretary: Niamh Keane

Vice-Auditor: Graeme Curtin

Public relations office: Emma Wallace

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Strategic Director: Graeme Curtin

Vice-Auditor: Damien Roche

Treasurer: David Mannion

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	15,003.21	Ball	€24,462.31
Socs box Till	€7,256.00	Bank charge	€190.49
Sponsorship	€13,000.00	Dinner/Food	€164.77
Ticket Sales	€41,240.00	Entertainment	€1,930.22
USC Grant	€2,000.00	Entry fees	€360.00
		Equipment misc	€16.00
		Fundraising / Charity	€100.00
		Hoodies	€395.35
		Lights	€6,000.00
		Makeup/Props	€147.83
		Materials	€1,064.37
		Performing rights	€4,925.00
		Printing	€485.85
		Prizes	€22.50
		Promotions	€426.01
		Reception	€1,842.75
		Set	€6,170.00
		Society accomm	€1,025.00
		Society transport	€1,779.40
		Socs day expenses	€26.50
		Sound	€50.00
		Speaker travel	€400.00
		Expenditure Total	€51,984.35
		Closing Bank Balance	€26,514.86
Total	€78,499.21	Total	€78,499.21

Mission Statement

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

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We aim to continue on the rebuilding of the society from two years ago with a specific focus on business related events, talks and actively attempting to get students involved in business related activities.

Our society aims to get more students and people in the wider Galway community thinking about business and opening their mind to new ideas. It is really there to help any student that wants to get involved in Business in any form in the future by hearing from and mixing with people outside of the lecture hall, people that have had real life experiences in the workplace. We also feel that it is one of the best social societies in NUI Galway and we are proud to say that if societies are there to bring people of similar minds together, it accomplishes this.

Society Performance Reflection

We successfully had a very productive year. The committee as a team all worked very well together. We gained many loyal new ordinary committee members and had many events that generated a lot essential funds that we donated to our chosen charities.

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

Yes we did. We aimed to increase students' business awareness on campus and we felt that we generated a large interest through our events. We brought many people together of similar mind-sets and had large interest in our meetings and goings on.

Greatest Success

The commerce ball took a serious amount of work that was taken on by the entire committee. Despite the immense work load it was so satisfying to see it all run very smoothly and see so many students desperately seek out tickets for the event. As a committee we were all so proud of our work and its success.

Greatest Challenge

We found our greatest challenge was to get students to integrate with us and our events. We found that a simple fundraiser in college bar simple doesn't do it anymore. We had to get more creative in our events and how we interacted with students. We overcame this by using different marketing techniques such as running Facebook competitions. We found that these reached a larger demographic and reached a larger audience.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 6 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 6 committee members.

Business Society ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Kamila Los</u>	Society Member	14 hours
<u>Darren Reilly</u>	Volunteer	30 hours
<u>Niamh Keane</u>	Secretary	350 hours
<u>Emma Cleere</u>	Volunteering	30 hours
<u>Seamus Monahan</u>	Fundraiser	10 hours

<u>Jessica Daly</u>	Treasurer	200 hours
<u>Emma Wallace</u>	Public Relations Officer	100 hours
<u>Laura Beirne</u>	Logistics Officer	14 hours
<u>Tracey Brady</u>	Strategic Director	300 hours
<u>Kate Dravins</u>	Volunteer, Fundraiser	20 hours
<u>Eoin Lally</u>	Logistics Officer	200 hours
# ALIVE Students:	11 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	1268 hours	

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 1642 members. 4 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Cancer Society

We all know the debilitating effects of cancer, and have in some way been touched by this terrible disease. Our society held regular weekly committee meetings discussing and introducing events that could be held, which ultimately increases cancer awareness and related issues around the campus.

Some fundraising events we organized included Pink Day, FIFA Tournaments, and Relay for Life. Also, we introduced the very first Mini Med School, a student-led project promoting NUI Galway healthcare education and cancer awareness by engaging secondary school students interested in pursuing a medical related career.

Cancer Society Events list (24 Individual Events)

EGM: Other » The Stage » 14th September 2015

NUIG CancerSoc Med FIFA Tournament: Charity » AC202, AC203 » 27th October 2015

NUIG Cancer Society is hosting its first ever FIFA tournament! This preliminary round is for pre-clinical medical students only - but don't worry, FIFA tournaments will be held for different faculties in due course :)Entry is ONLY 2 EURO with all proceeds going to the Irish Cancer Society. It'll be a simple knockout process, so be sure to win to progress :)There'll be FREE PIZZA and finger food on the night! So you can have a bite in celebration of your win or in commiseration of your loss! It'll be a great night beating friends and having bragging rights until the next time, while raising funds for a great cause! The winner on the night will progress to the finals in March 2016 at our annual Relay for Life event, with a huge prize up for grabs! For the King/Queen of FIFA in NUIG!

Pink Day: Charity » Smokies Table, Concourse » 28th October 2015

In support of Breast Cancer Awareness month, all students are encouraged to wear pink and visit any one of the Cancer Society tables around campus, where they can receive cancer informative brochures, pink ribbons, and baked goods in support of the Irish Cancer Society.

Engineering Fifa Tournament: Charity » ENG2002 » 17th November 2015

FIFA tournament for engineering students in aid of the Movember Campaign

Collaboration with Friends of MSF: TEDMED Live 2015: Conference » Small Lecture Theatre, Clinical Sciences Institute » 24th November 2015

Live streaming of TEDMED talks in a conference style setting with panellists.

Society EGM: Other » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 20th January 2016

Society meeting to elect new committee members and event volunteers and discuss upcoming events

Relay for Life Launch Week: Charity » CONCOURSE » 25th January 2016

Come to the Concourse to sign up for the Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life event! Last year over 200 participants helped raise more than €10,000 for the Irish Cancer Society! Registration is €10 per person, and includes a memorable night of entertainment, food, and much, much more.

The Quad goes Orange: Charity » Quadrangle » 25th January 2016

The NUIG Quad will be lit orange to celebrate the launch week for our upcoming Relay for Life event. Representatives from our society will be present to answer any questions.

Mini Med School Volunteer Night: Other » Meeting Room 2 » 25th January 2016

Volunteer info night for upcoming Mini med school event, open to all healthcare students.

Relay for Life Launch Week Day 2: Charity » SU Shop » 26th January 2016

Come to the SU Shop to sign up for the Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life event! Last year over 200 participants helped raise more than €10,000 for the Irish Cancer Society! Registration is €10 per person, and includes a memorable night of entertainment, food, and much, much more.

Relay for Life Launch Week Day 3: Charity » Engineering Building & Bailey Allen Hall » 27th January 2016

Come to the Engineering Building OR the Bailey Allen Hall to sign up for the Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life event! Last year over 200 participants helped raise more than €10,000 for the Irish Cancer Society! Registration is €10 per person, and includes a memorable night of entertainment, food, and much, much more.

Mini Med School: Seminar » Large Lecture Theatre, Aras Moyola » 27th January 2016

Mini med school aimed at 4th and 5th year students to introduce education in health care through a variety of workshops including CPR training, suturing, knot tying, etc., and lectures from oncologists, cancer nurses, and researchers on the topic of cancer research and their profession,

Relay for Life Launch Week Day 4: Charity » Cairns Building » 28th January 2016

Come to the Cairns Building to sign up for the Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life event! Last year over 200 participants helped raise more than €10,000 for the Irish Cancer Society! Registration is €10 per person, and includes a memorable night of entertainment, food, and much, much more.

Relay for Life Launch Week Day 5: Charity » Moyola & CSI » 29th January 2016

Come to the Concourse to sign up for the Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life event! Last year over 200 participants helped raise more than €10,000 for the Irish Cancer Society! Registration is €10 per person, and includes a memorable night of entertainment, food, and much, much more.

Commerce Fifa Tournament: Charity » CA003 » 02nd February 2016

After the success of our medicine and engineering tournaments, Cancer Soc is hosting a commerce Fifa tournament to raise funds for our chosen charities. Open to all commerce students, the winner of which will go on to compete with the other faculty winners.

Mini Med School: Seminar » Large Lecture Theatre, Aras Moyola » 03rd February 2016

Mini med school aimed at 4th and 5th year students to introduce education in health care through a variety of workshops including CPR training, suturing, knot tying, etc., and lectures from oncologists, cancer nurses, and researchers on the topic of cancer research and their profession,

Mini Med School: Seminar » Large Lecture Theatre, Aras Moyola » 10th February 2016

Mini med school aimed at 4th and 5th year students to introduce education in health care through a variety of workshops including CPR training, suturing, knot tying, etc., and lectures from oncologists, cancer nurses, and researchers on the topic of cancer research and their profession,

NUI Galway Cancer Awareness and Research Evening: Seminar » Large Lecture Theatre, Aras Moyola » 11th February 2016
NUI Galway Hosts: A Cancer Research & Awareness Evening - The Future of Cancer Research - Early Detection And Prevention
Featuring:• Lorraine Toner, Irish Cancer Society - Introduction and Objectives• Sharon Glynn, PhD, College of Medicine, NUI Galway -Current Research Aimed at Preventing the Development of Metastatic Cancer & Future Research Strategies for Cancer Prevention• Jane Walsh PhD, School of Psychology, NUI Galway -Tools available for healthy living, exercise and nutrition for cancer patient and for lowering risk. • Sinead Quinn, Patient and Family Advocate, Clinical Psychologist –Raising Awareness for Early Cancer Diagnosis & Psychological Impact of Cancer Diagnosis• Prof. Mark Lawler, Queen’s University Belfast -21st Century Cancer Medicine; Time to get personal• General Discussion with Audience and Closing

Team Captain Meeting: Charity » Meeting Room 1 » 22nd February 2016

The Relay for Life Team captain's meeting is taking place at 1pm. All Team Captains welcome!

Arts FIFA Tournament: Charity » Arts Millennium Building » 23rd February 2016

FIFA Tournament for Arts students, the winner of which will go onto play the winner from other courses at Relay for life, and be crowned the King/Queen of FIFA at NUIG. €3 entry

Arts/ Commerce FIFA Tournament: Charity » AMB G-066 » 02nd March 2016

Arts and Commerce student FIFA Tournament in aid of Galway and Limerick Hospices. 3 euro entry. Winner of which will go on to compete with the winners from the med and eng tournaments and be crowned the king/ queen of FIFA at NUIG.

Relay for Life: Charity » Kingfisher Gym » 09th March 2016

This year the NUIG Cancer Society are organising NUIG's second annual Relay for Life in aid of the Irish Cancer Society, after the success of last year's event, raising over 10 000 euros! It involves teams of people taking turns running/walking/crawling around a track for 12 hours as funds are raised for our charities. At different times throughout the night we will have the survivors lap, a research corner, prizes, themed laps, movie screenings, candle of hope ceremony and meals! We hope to have teams representing students and staff from all corners of the college along with people from the community. It's open to all people of any age to take part.

AGM: Other » Áras na mac Léinn - The Stage » 13th April 2016

To elect a new committee for next semester.

Committee 2015/2016

Ordinary Committee Member : Eoin MacCrosain

Treasurer: Sean O'Dea

Education Officer : Rosemary James

Ordinary Committee Member : Robert McGrath

Vice-Auditor: Nadia van Den Berg

Auditor: Ashita Dutta

Secretary: Crystal Kam

Ordinary Committee Member : Taha Elsherif

Ordinary Committee Member : Orla O'Flynn

Secretary Semester 1 : Daniel Jia Hui Lim

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Ashita Dutta

Treasurer: Sean O'Dea

Vice-Auditor: Seamus Monahan

Secretary: Crystal Kam

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	11,293.94	Bank charge	€67.95
Balls	€130.26	Costumes	€115.00
Fundraising	€11,586.14	Dinner/Food	€195.33
Members Contributions	€33.00	Equipment misc	€10.00
Socs box Till	€190.00	Fundraising / Charity	€400.00
Sponsorship	€525.00	Makeup/Props	€35.63
USC Grant	€245.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€459.60
		Security	€478.50
		Sound	€450.00
		Expenditure Total	€2,212.01
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€10,460.48
		Closing Bank Balance	€21,791.33
Total	€24,003.34	Total	€24,003.34

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

Throughout this year, our society lead several fundraising events from Pink Day, FIFA Tournaments, and Relay for Life, which indefinitely increased cancer awareness within the college community. We were able to reach out to the local community through Mini Med School, a friendly environment led by NUI Galway healthcare students promoting not only cancer awareness but also healthcare education by engaging secondary school students interested in pursuing a medical related career.

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

We successfully conducted our second annual Relay for Life and raised over €10,000 for the Irish Cancer Society.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was Relay for Life. Every aspect of the event was of a much larger scale compared to last year, including the amount of participants, the venue, the awareness and the enjoyment.

Greatest Challenge

At the same time, our greatest challenge was Relay for Life. Since we decided to increase the scale of the event, there were new complications we had to face and find solutions for.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 8 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 7 committee members.

Cancer Society ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Sean O'Dea</u>	Treasurer	70 hours
<u>Fiona Flatley</u>	Fundraiser	2 hours
<u>Rosemary James</u>	Educational Officer	20 hours
<u>Eoin MacCrosain</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	30 hours
<u>Nur Diyana Sofea Md Nasir</u>	Volunteer for Mini Med School and bake sales	8 hours
<u>Anyi Zhang</u>	Mini Med School Volunteer	2 hours
<u>Ella Bryan</u>	Volunteer/Fundraiser	30 hours
<u>Daniel Jia Hui Lim</u>	Secretary	35 hours
<u>Ciara Joyce</u>	Relay for Life Committee Volunteer	17 hours
<u>Sally Cahill</u>	Relay Team Member and Mini Med School Volunteer	12 hours
<u>Aisling Nolan</u>	Volunteer	12 hours
<u>Robert McGrath</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	60 hours
<u>Sara Fuller</u>	Fundraiser	16 hours
<u>Muhammad Luqman Ahmad Saifuddin</u>	Fundraiser	5 hours
<u>Emer Coyne</u>	Survivor Committee	25 hours
<u>Faqiha Asad</u>	Relay for Life	12 hours
<u>Niamh O'Connor</u>	Relay for Life Sub-committee	12 hours
<u>Adibah Kaiyisah Binti Shamsul Badrin</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	15 hours
<u>Alicia Wei Jen Goh</u>	Relay for Life Logistics Sub-committee Member	40 hours
<u>Alicia Tan</u>	Relay for Life Sub-committee	40 hours
<u>Reiltin Ni Theimhneain</u>	MiniMed School Volunteer	8 hours
<u>Jesvin Kaur Cheema</u>	Organiser, Logistics Team and Fundraiser	30 hours
<u>Orla Murray</u>	Fundraising	12 hours
<u>Aoife Fitzgerald</u>	Relay for Life	12 hours
<u>Wei Theng Tan</u>	Relay for Life Fundraiser	12 hours
<u>Omoarebun Ebeleghe</u>	Entertainment Sub-Committee	20 hours
# ALIVE Students:	26 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	557 hours	

Other Information

We held 28 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 888 members. 8 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

CCAFS - Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security

This year was CCAFS societies second year as a society and we made great progress. We had a large committee with undergraduate, postgraduate and international students providing a very diverse and dynamic active group. In first semester we organised many events including potluck dinners, clothes swapping parties, information days and film screenings etc. Potluck dinners promoted vegetarian meals and allowed us to swap recipes making vegetarian cooking easier. This is important as the agriculture industry is one of the largest contributors to CO2 emissions. Clothes swap parties were also a great success and allowed people to get new clothes in a fun and innovative way without spending any money or supporting the fashion industry which also contributes very negatively to the environment. In addition our information days raised awareness about global issues such as toilet/hygiene and gender equality.

In second semester we have been working towards our second Annual Climate Congress 'Climate Change and Ireland' which will take place on April 5th. This is a national conference with 3 keynote Irish speakers as well as short postgraduate presentations. In addition we are working at our Divestment Campaign which aims to have NUIG divest the 3.4 million that they have invested in fossil fuels before 2018. As well as these two main projects we have also continued to promote healthy and ethical eating on campus and arrange smaller events such as information days and film screenings.

We have developed many important links and partnerships over the past year which have greatly added to the impact our society has, as well as potential for future events, collaborations and growth of the society. Within NUIG we have strong links with Botany Society, Organic Gardening Society and Eco society and collaborate with them on many events such as the Grow it Yourself workshop on March 22nd, film screenings etc. We have also collaborated with Style Soc, Fem Soc, MSF Soc, Baking Soc, and Film Soc to raise awareness about global health, gender issues, healthy ethical eating, fashion and climate change etc. As well as our collaborations with NUIG Societies we have partnered with the Students Union who are supporting our Divestment Campaign and have links with the CCAFS Department. Outside of the university we also have many links. Two of our members were representatives for the Irish Global Health Forum, and this responsibility is now being shared with MSF Soc. increasing IGHF outreach at NUIG. We have also met and collaborated with other local and national organisations including Transition Galway, Green Sod and Irish Seed Savers. These links greatly add to our success as a society and our local and national impact.

CCAFS Society Events list (25 Individual Events)

AGM and apple pie: Other » Large Acoustic » 16th September 2015

We'll be selecting a committee so anyone with idea's or wanting to help achieve some of our goals come down for some apple pie and see what's going on!

Cheese, refreshments and games (some serious stuff too): Social » Mairin de Valera, Aras de Brun » 21st September 2015

We're going to show a few short video's related to climate change and have cheese, refreshments and games - fuuunnn!

Meeting (organising our Global Fair stand and making info flyers/posters): Other » Mairin de Valera, Aras de Brun » 28th September 2015

Global Day Fair: Arts & Culture » Bailey Allen Hall » 05th October 2015

On Monday (5th) Don't be shy, make sure you pop over & check out our stall with food & games Check out our 'MAIZE'ng story board & try some tasty treats courtesy of our CCAFS crew & don't forget to roll the 'DICE' & take a peek into your future :)

Clothes Swap Party: Health & Lifestyle » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 07th October 2015

Dj, food, refreshments and swapping your clothes all to promote a sustainable approach and alternative to fast fashion!

Burren Travel Adventure: Social » Mairin de Valera, top floor of Aras de Brun » 10th October 2015

CCAFS Society weekend away - adventure trippin' :) Travelling to Kinvara and basing ourselves there for the night, we will be heading off on a 2 hour guided tour of the beautiful Burren. On return to Kinvara we'll be hosting a big cooking session 'my kitchen rules' style :) After dinner we'll venture into the bright lights of Kinvara, all going well we hope there will be some live music session on. On Sunday, to finish things off in style, we'll be taking a boat rip around Kinvara. Returning back to Galway Sunday evening. Total Price is 20 EUR - payable at Socs Box - please pay by Tuesday the 6th so we can finalise our arrangements. If you can't make it to the Socs Box in time send us an email and we'll do our best to accommodate you.

#traveladventure

NUIG Clothes Swap: Social » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 11th November 2015

This is a fun alternative to the fast fashion industry and the endless cycle of production and consumption. We all get tired of our clothes, so why not get together and swap for something new? We'll have a live DJ, henna, pizza and refreshments so even if it's a dress or t-shirt that's been lying around in your closet come down and you might find something new! Also we've got a giveaway planned that'll warm your chilly winter self! Find us on Facebook NUIG Clothes Swap via CCAFS or Style Soc.

World Toilet Day: Health & Lifestyle » Smokeys Cafe » 19th November 2015

It's World Toilet Day! CCAFS Society in collaboration with the Irish Global Health Forum will be providing information about health issues relating to access to clean toilets around the world. Find us in Smokeys to quiz your knowledge and have a chat - There will be prizes!

Potluck Dinner: Social » Galway, Shantalla, Hazel's House » 20th November 2015

Vegetarian Potluck Dinner

Big Fat Vegan Sale & International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women tomorrow: Charity » Smokeys Cafe » 25th November 2015

Take some TIME-OUT from the studying & come to our "Big Fat Vegan Sale" @Smokeys tomorrow - Lots of delicious FOOD to distract you from the constant thoughts of exams wink emoticon All MONEY RAISED on the day will be donated to Irish Seed Savers Association - WITH YOUR SUPPORT we hope to plant some Native Irish Apple Trees & these will help off-set carbon in the future! Help us to help the planet! <https://www.facebook.com/events/543454452480802/> Also, get information about Sunday's Avaaz People Climate March & Transition Galway Carnival for Climate - an opportunity for you to demand climate action at #COP21 in Paris <https://www.facebook.com/events/1498398690459379/> We will also be highlighting the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women tomorrow #gendermatters #beaware

Screening of "This Changes Everything": Social » Darcy Thompson Theatre, Arts & Science Concourse » 26th November 2015

@7pm there will be a screening of "This Changes Everything" - the event is free.

Transitions Galway #COP21 march: Other » Galway, Galway City, Shop St. » 29th November 2015

March of solidarity pre #COP21 to show we want #actiononclimate

Begin Divestment Campaign: Other » Aras de Brun » 04th December 2015

Hello everyone, after a lengthy research process, it has come to light that NUI Galway has at least 3.4 million Euro invested in oil and gas shares. Today we are kicking off a campaign to insure that that NUI Galway divests itself of these shares, and reinvests in more sustainable and ethical forms of investment. We urge to help us by signing, and sharing this petition - <https://campaigns.gofossilfree.org/petitions/divest-nui-galway-from-fossil-fuels?source=facebook-share-button&time=1449241613>

CCAFS Soc Chrimbo Party: Social » Galway, Galway City, Woodquay » 11th December 2015

Take some time out from exams & join us for a drink or two on Friday the 11th of Dec at Foley's Hop House where you can sample some good Irish craft beers & ciders

Potluck Dinner: Social » Galway, Docks, Marijke's House » 25th January 2016

Vegetarian Potluck Dinner.

Screening of "No Snowflake": Social » AC 201 » 04th February 2016

come and see 'No Snowflake' on Thursday the 4th in AC201 at 8pm - a film about cows and climate and the impact of agriculture on climate change - well worth a watch!

Divestment Information & Petition Signing: Other » Smokeys Cafe » 15th February 2016

Hi Folks, we are moving ahead with plans for the Divestment campaign, I am happy to say that the Students Union has passed a motion to back it. We are still waiting on a reply from the University with regards to this, however, we will be holding Information/awareness days on the 15th and the 18th in the Concourse from 11 am to 1pm to coincide with Green Week. All support will be greatly received.

Divestment Information & Petition Signing: Other » Smokeys Cafe » 18th February 2016

Hi Folks, we are moving ahead with plans for the Divestment campaign, I am happy to say that the Students Union has passed a motion to back it. We are still waiting on a reply from the University with regards to this, however, we will be holding Information/awareness days on the 15th and the 18th in the Concourse from 11 am to 1pm to coincide with Green Week. All support will be greatly received.

Divestment Information & Petition Signing: Other » Smokeys Cafe » 04th March 2016

Join us this Friday @ Smokey's - we will be hosting an information stand on our #Divestment campaign - Come ask us questions & join us in asking NUI Galway to #divest from fossil fuels #bethechange #climatechangematters please share NUI Galway Students' Union

The Great Chef Challenge: Health & Lifestyle » Food outlets around campus » 07th March 2016

Four campus chefs from An Bialann, College Bar, Friars and Clinical Science Cafe will be battling it out in the Great Chef Challenge. They will be preparing 5 student-friendly dishes with ingredients worth no more than €20 which will be included in a new healthy living cookbook, with tips from CCAFS! One dish per day will be hosted in their main outlet for €5 and on Friday each restaurant will be hosting a stand in the Áras na Mac Léinn Foyer on March 10th from 3pm-5pm. For more information and to vote for your favourite visit <http://nuigstudents.ie>

WELLNESS WEEK
Monday March 7th – Thursday March 10th

THE GREAT CHEF CHALLENGE

Vote on: www.nuigstudents.ie

Four campus chefs from An Bialann, College Bar, Friars and Clinical Science Cafe will be battling it out in the Great Chef Challenge.

The Challenge - Each chef will

- > Prepare 5 student-friendly dishes with ingredients worth no more than €20 which will be included in a new healthy living cookbook.
- > Feature one dish per day for €5 in their main outlet
- > Host a stand in Áras na Mac Léinn Foyer on March 10th 3pm – 5pm providing tasters, tips and advice.

You Choose the Winner

- > Voting will open on March 4th and close at 4.30pm on March 10th.
- > Vote on line at www.nuigstudents.ie.
- > Be in with a chance to win €100 cash or lunch vouchers.
- > Winner will be announced at 5pm on March 10th in Áras na Mac Léinn.

To vote you can view the menus in the new cookbook or call to the outlet and try the food or come along to Áras na Mac Léinn and meet the chefs.

The Great Chef Challenge is an NUIG Societies initiative with CCAFS and Baking Societies to promote healthy eating and bring tasty healthy food ideas to the students.

Portrait	Name	Dishes
	Kieran Lyons	1. Oriental Veg Stir-fry with noodles 2. Cajun Pork Chop with Creamy Colcannon and Buttered Carrots 3. Chicken Parmesan 4. Potato and chickpea curry with basmati rice 5. Traditional Lasagne
	Ronan Boland	1. Cottage Pie topped with sweet potato purée served with peas 2. Sticky Fried Sn. Meatballs with Rice 3. Asian Stir Fry Chicken 4. Fish-Cakes with spicy sweet potato wedges, salad & spicy mayo 5. Friday Frittata & Mixed Salad
	Dan Webb	1. Chickpea Stew with rice 2. Creamy Chicken Tagliatelle with Spinach 3. Frittata with Sweet Potato Wedges 4. Pork Meatballs & Sweet potato Marsh 5. Quick-Cook Curry with Rice
	Conor Rafferty	1. Spanish Tray-baked Chicken 2. Chilli Mac and cheese 3. Oven-baked cod 4. Baked Potato with Green Beans, Spinach & Chickpeas 5. Get out of town, omelette

Logos: The College Bar, friars, masterchefs, aramark

GIY Workshop: Training » first year biology lab » 22nd March 2016

Have you ever wanted to grow your own food? Now's your chance to learn! Botany Soc, CCAFS Soc, and Organic Gardening Soc are all teaming up with GIY Ireland to bring you an affordable workshop right on campus! We will deliver a practical and inspiring workshop and seed sowing demo which will cover: - Planning and getting started - Detailed information on the 10 easiest to grow vegetables - Soil Preparation and Composting - Seed sowing and propagation - Growing and plant maintenance - Harvesting - Making the most of your produce and reducing food waste... In addition to the workshop, participants will receive: - GIY Starter Resource pack includes: - A GIY wallchart and growing guide - Access to over 30 GIY video tutorials covering most of the main vegetables and growing guides for over 70 vegetable varieties - A copy of GROW – the GIY Magazine - A packet of

GIY seasonal seeds - For one year participants will receive a weekly GIY information resource including growing tips, recipes, things to do each month etc. Tickets on sale now at Socs Box €10 for Students €15 for Staff. Open to NUI Galway Students and Staff only.

Grow It Yourself Workshop: Training » 1st year biology lab » 22nd March 2016

Have you ever wanted to grow your own food? Now's your chance to learn! Botany Soc, CCAFS Soc, and Organic Gardening Soc are all teaming up with GIY Ireland to bring you an affordable workshop right on campus! We will deliver a practical and inspiring workshop and seed sowing demo which will cover:- Planning and getting started- Detailed information on the 10 easiest to grow vegetables- Soil Preparation and Composting- Seed sowing and propagation- Growing and plant maintenance- Harvesting- Making the most of your produce and reducing food waste. In addition to the workshop, participants will receive:- GIY Starter Resource pack includes:- A GIY wallchart and growing guide- Access to over 30 GIY video tutorials covering most of the main vegetables and growing guides for over 70 vegetable varieties- A copy of GROW – the GIY Magazine- A packet of GIY seasonal seeds- For one year participants will receive a weekly GIY information resource including growing tips, recipes, things to do each month etc.

2nd Climate Congress NUIG: Climate Change & Ireland: Conference » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 05th April 2016

Following its successful launch in 2015, the 2nd annual NUI Galway Climate Congress takes place on Tuesday, April 5th in Áras na MacLéinn, NUI Galway. This year's theme is "Climate Change and Ireland" and will feature three prominent speakers: Prof. Peadar Kirby (University of Limerick) Emer Cosgrove (Climate Talk Ireland) James Nix (Green Budget Europe) In addition to our expert speakers, this year we are hosting a competition for postgraduate and early stage researchers to showcase their research. The event will start at 11:30-17:00, and takes place on NUIG campus, Aras na Mac Leinn - The View (free) registration:

Climate Change & Ireland: NUIG's second Climate Congress: Conference » The View Aras Na Mac Leinn » 05th April 2016

Following its successful launch in 2015, the 2nd annual NUI Galway Climate Congress takes place on Tuesday, April 5th in Áras na MacLéinn, NUI Galway. This year's theme is "Climate Change and Ireland" and will feature three prominent speakers: Prof. Peadar Kirby (University of Limerick), Emer Cosgrove (Climate Talk Ireland), James Nix (Green Budget Europe). In addition to our expert speakers, this year we are hosting a competition for postgraduate and early stage researchers to showcase their research. The theme for these Ignite talks is "New voices in Climate Change research". Free registration and more info on.

CCAFS AGM: Other » Aras de Brun » 25th April 2016

Join us at 6pm on the top floor of Aras de Brun on Monday the 25th of April for the CCAFS AGM. All committee positions will be up for grabs. If you wish to be on the committee and you cannot make the meeting, please contact us. Send in a little paragraph about yourself and the position you want to go for and we will read it on your behalf. Refreshments will be provided!

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Sophie Stewart Pettus

Vice-Auditor: Paul Cassidy

OCM: Colm Duffy

OCM: Nathalie Markiefka

OCM: Cheyanne Wescott

Secretary: Hazel Wolstenholme

Treasurer: Brendan Hallahan

OCM: Marijke Hummel

PRO: Sinead Moran

OCM: Itumeleng Mafatshe

OCM: Katherine Schroeder

OCM: Sarah Kinneen

Committee 2016/2017

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		Printing	€98.40
		Prizes	€52.23
		Reception	€345.06
		Services Hired	€1,150.00
		Society accomm	€150.00
		Society transport	€20.00
		Expenditure Total	€2,140.27
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€110.94
Total	€2,251.21	Total	€2,251.21

Mission Statement

We aim to provide a space for people who have concerns about the environment, climate change etc, to discuss their ideas, to organise events and to promote awareness of these issues on campus.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

As a new society we wish to grow our presence on campus and to provide an alternative, more exciting and invigorating way of interacting with these problems. We want to plan our events effectively so that they are successful and reach as many student as possible - while developing our event management skills in the process.

Society Performance Reflection

This year, we certainly reached our aims, objectives and goals as a society. We created a space for any students with concerns about the environment, climate change etc and had weekly meetings which allowed people to discuss ideas. We took everyone's ideas on board leading to the organisation of a diverse range of events and raised awareness about a large number of issues on campus including agriculture industry and vegetarianism, fashion and climate change, divestment campaigns etc.

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

Yes, we achieved all of our aims, objectives and goals. We greatly grew our presence on campus with a much larger and active committee than last year, and more interaction with members and other students. Our collaborations with many other societies and organisations helped us to become a larger and more recognised society. We provided alternative and exciting ways of interacting with climate change issues for example our clothes swapping parties which were great fun and also has a significant impact by reducing clothes consumption and educating people who attended about the impacts of the fashion industry. Most of our events were planned effectively and were held in places such as Smokeys Cafe with a large turnover of people so that our events could reach as many people as possible. However particularly early on in the year some mistakes were made regarding advertising of events and organising things without enough notice. However we learned from these mistakes and greatly developed our event management skills.

Greatest Success

We would consider our wide range of events and collaborations as our biggest success. Having partnered/developed relationships with so many groups (Organic Gardening Soc, Eco Soc, Botany Soc, Film Soc, Style Soc, Baking Soc, Fem Soc, MSF Soc, the Students Union, CCAFS Department, Transition Galway, Green Sod, Irish Seed Savers, Grow It Yourself, Aramark, Irish Forum for Global Health) we can have a much bigger impact and presence on campus. This will surely add to our future success as a society.

Greatest Challenge

Balancing society commitments with other university demands was certainly a big challenge, particularly around exam time or essay deadlines. Often committee members were unable to fully commit to an event due to time limitations. This meant that we had to be very flexible and often take over each other's roles. Having a committee with a mix of undergrads, postgrads, and international students made this more possible as we had different academic schedules (e.g. PhD students did not have exams and could take over more tasks while undergrads were busy with exams).

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 12 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 6 committee members

CCAFS - Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Hazel Wolstenholme</u>	Secretary	150 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	150 hours	

Other Information

We held 13 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 242 members. 10 of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Cheerleading Society

This year the cheerleading society created a training environment that was safe, enjoyable, friendly and welcoming. Cheerleading Soc teaches members new skills not only physical skills such as gymnastics, stunts and fitness but it also teaches team work, team spirit, communication skills and friendship building. The society has many involvements with other societies such as sober soc and potter soc, as well as involvement with others outside of the University. We promote cheerleading within the university and nationally competing with other teams from across the country and by participating in parades and events. The Cheerleading Society is a fun unique way of creating new friends, to get fit and to let yourself go from daily life in an energetic enthusiastic way.

Cheerleading Society Events list (29 Individual Events)

Training: Training » Doughiska » 28th September 2015

Training in the cheerleading gym in Doughiska beside the NCT centre. Training in stunts, tumbling and dance.

Training: Training » Doughiska » 29th September 2015

Training in the cheerleading gym in Doughiska near the NCT centre. Training in stunts, tumbling and dance.

Training: Training » Doughiska » 05th October 2015

Training in the cheerleading gym in Doughiska beside the NCT centre. Training in stunts, tumbling and dance.

Training: Training » Doughiska » 06th October 2015

Training in the cheerleading gym in Doughiska near the NCT centre. Training in stunts, tumbling and dance.

Training: Training » Doughiska » 12th October 2015

Training in the cheerleading gym in Doughiska beside the NCT centre. Training in stunts, tumbling and dance.

Training: Training » Doughiska » 13th October 2015

Training in the cheerleading gym in Doughiska near the NCT centre. Training in stunts, tumbling and dance.

Training: Training » Doughiska » 19th October 2015

Training in the cheerleading gym in Doughiska beside the NCT centre. Training in stunts, tumbling and dance.

Training: Training » Doughiska » 20th October 2015

Training in the cheerleading gym in Doughiska near the NCT centre. Training in stunts, tumbling and dance.

Training: Training » Doughiska » 26th October 2015

Training in the cheerleading gym in Doughiska beside the NCT centre. Training in stunts, tumbling and dance.

Training: Training » Doughiska » 27th October 2015

Training in the cheerleading gym in Doughiska near the NCT centre. Training in stunts, tumbling and dance.

Training: Training » Doughiska » 02nd November 2015

Training in the cheerleading gym in Doughiska beside the NCT centre. Training in stunts, tumbling and dance.

Training: Training » Doughiska » 03rd November 2015

Training in the cheerleading gym in Doughiska near the NCT centre. Training in stunts, tumbling and dance.

Training: Training » Doughiska » 09th November 2015

Training in the cheerleading gym in Doughiska beside the NCT centre. Training in stunts, tumbling and dance.

Training: Training » Doughiska » 10th November 2015

Training in the cheerleading gym in Doughiska near the NCT centre. Training in stunts, tumbling and dance.

Training: Training » Doughiska » 16th November 2015

Training in the cheerleading gym in Doughiska beside the NCT centre. Training in stunts, tumbling and dance.

Training: Training » Doughiska » 23rd November 2015

Training in the cheerleading gym in Doughiska beside the NCT centre. Training in stunts, tumbling and dance.

Cheer Soc Movie Night: Social » Aras na Mac Leinn » 26th November 2015

Join us for a night of good fun, decent movies, and excellent company. Location is yet to be confirmed but the plan is to watch a movie somewhere in Aras na Mac Leinn and then head out afterwards.

Ice Skating: Social » Galway, Salthill, Leisureland » 30th November 2015

We're meeting at Leisureland in Salthill to go ice skating as a society at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join the Pandas on Ice :D Living Social are doing half price tickets so I suggest you buy them before you arrive.

Committee meeting: Other » College Bar, Back room » 04th December 2015

End of semester committee meeting all welcome.

Training: Training » cheerleading Gym, Doughiska » 11th January 2016

Training for upcoming stunting competition

Training: Training » cheerleading Gym, Doughiska » 18th January 2016

Training for upcoming stunting competition

Training: Training » cheerleading Gym, Doughiska » 25th January 2016

Training for upcoming stunting competition

Training: Training » cheerleading Gym, Doughiska » 01st February 2016

Training for upcoming stunting competition

Training: Training » cheerleading Gym, Doughiska » 08th February 2016

Training for upcoming stunting competition

Training: Training » cheerleading Gym, Doughiska » 15th February 2016

Training for upcoming stunting competition

Bowling with GMT Cheerleading Team: Social » Terryland Bowling Alley » 16th February 2016

Bowling with some of the GMT cheerleading a great opportunity to get to know other cheerios before the competition. Some refreshments and dancing after :)

Training: Training » cheerleading Gym, Doughiska » 22nd February 2016

Training for upcoming stunting competition

Training: Training » cheerleading Gym, Doughiska » 29th February 2016

Training for upcoming stunting competition

Training: Training » cheerleading Gym, Doughiska » 07th March 2016

Training for upcoming stunting competition

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Aisleen Clarke

Treasurer: Martin Sharkey

Vice Secretary: Gemma Hickey

International Relations: Meghan Walsh

OCM: Caoimhin de Burca

Secretary: Claudia Speight

Vice-Auditor: Sarah Kinneen

Public Relations: Brendan O'Donnell

OCM: Anna Monaghan

OCM: Laura Nelson

Committee 2016/2017

Secretary: Claudia Speight

Auditor: Aisleen Clarke

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,101.96	Bank charge	€18.46
Members Contributions	€75.00	Entry fees	€150.00
Socs box Till	€84.00	Equipment misc	€314.37
USC Grant	€1,500.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€20.83
		Online Sales Mass Refund	€32.00
		Teacher fees	€1,500.00
		Expenditure Total	€2,035.66
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€725.30
Total	€2,760.96	Total	€2,760.96

Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide high quality cheerleading training in a safe and positive environment and to advance the stature of cheerleading throughout the college and the country at large. We furthermore aim to create a fun and inclusive society which promotes healthy living and teamwork, and aims to instill self-confidence and a sense of belonging to all its members.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- To provide high quality cheerleading training, in a safe positive environment which promotes teamwork, and self-confidence.
- To promote cheerleading throughout the college and wider community as cheerleading is relatively new to Ireland.
- To connect with other societies and other colleges through collaborative events.
- To have fun and learn new skills.

Society Performance Reflection

This year Cheerleading Society had many achievements and was very involved in the University more than ever. We took part in various events with sober society and potter society. We also participated in the St.Patrick's parade and competed nationally in Castlebar with other cheerleading teams.

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

We increased our members and advanced in our skills and stunt levels. We had meetings and fun gatherings and events to welcome new members and to build on the friendships in cheerleading. Yes, cheerleading society created a fun positive environment for members to train and relax from their day. We promoted cheerleading as a positive mental health sport around the University and nationally. We got involved with many other societies creating new friends and had many fun events with them. The cheerleading society provided a safe way to learn many stunts and skills amongst friends and to build self esteem. Our society thought not only physical skills such as stunts but other skills such as communication, friendship and teamwork skills.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was increasing our members and friendships within our society. we also competed nationally in Castlebar and entered 4 stunt teams of different skill levels. Our teams and members won many awards in the competition all of which we were very proud.

Greatest Challenge

The biggest challenge this year was finding the appropriate uniforms. After we agreed on a design it was difficult to find a supplier with the uniforms we were looking for. This was the hardest thing our society had to manage.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 11 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 1 committee member.

Cheerleading Society ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Maeve Charles</u>	Cheerleader	40 hours
<u>Martin Sharkey</u>	Treasurer	40 hours
<u>Claudia Speight</u>	Secretary	40 hours
# ALIVE Students:	3 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	120 hours	

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 451 members. 3 committee members completed the end of year survey.

Chemistry Soc

The society sought to develop and sustain interest in chemistry among NUI Galway students by providing social events and informal meetings and discussions on the subject.

This was achieved along with one successful charity event in the form of a table quiz, held in aid of Galway Hospice Foundation.

A successful series of seminars was run to provide a forum and means of discussion of various topics within chemistry. These seminars were provided by visiting lecturers from Ireland and around Europe.

Chemistry Society Events list (21 Individual Events)

ChemSoc Halloween Party: Social » Galway, Galway City, The Skeff » 29th October 2015

The ChemSoc Halloween Party will be happening Thursday 29th October, in The Skeff at 8.30pm. Finger food will be provided as well as prizes for best dressed.

Dr David Cheung Seminar: Seminar » Dillon Theatre » 05th November 2015

Prof Tia Keyes, 'Memsense; A Surface Modified Microcavity Array as a Model of the Cell Membrane': Seminar » Dillon Theatre » 12th November 2015

Dr. Pablo Sanz Miguel - University of Zaragoza 'Small Metallacycles with Big Opportunities': Seminar » Dillon Theatre » 20th November 2015

Prof. Robert Forster - DCU: Seminar » Dillon Theatre » 26th November 2015

Prof. Dominic Rochefort from Universite de Montreal - 'Electroactive ionic liquids in energy storage devices': Seminar » Dillon Theatre » 03rd December 2015

Dr. Pau Farras Costa - 'The Chemistry Towards the Generation of Solar Fuels': Seminar » Dillon Theatre » 10th December 2015

Chemsoc Christmas Party: Social » Galway, Galway, The skeff » 10th December 2015

This year's Christmas party will take place on Thursday the 10th of December in The Skeff bar at 8pm.

Dr. David Turner from Sigma Aldrich - 'Reagents for Cross-Coupling, C-H Functionalisation and Fluorination': Seminar » Orbsen » 19th January 2016

Chemsoc Postgrad Initiation Party: Social » Chemistry Room 231 » 21st January 2016

It is with great delight to inform you that the Post Graduate initiation party will be taking place on Thursday the 21st of January 2016. It will be time for the newbies (first years) in our midst to show off their skills! Skills can range from singing, playing a musical instrument or even just a card trick, anything goes. It's all for the BANTZ! It's really just a chance for other Postgrads to get to know you. THERE WILL BE A PRIZE FOR THE BEST ACT. GET PRACTICING.

Dr. Adam Perriman from University of Bristol: Seminar » Dillon Theatre » 28th January 2016

Prof. Michael Zaworotko from University of Limerick: Seminar » Dillon Theatre » 04th February 2016

Chemsoc Table Quiz in Aid of Galway Hospice: Charity » Galway, Galway City, Monroe's Pub » 25th February 2016

ChemSoc will be hosting a table quiz as part of its fundraising activities. This year our chosen charity is the Galway Hospice. The quiz will take place on Thursday the 25th of February in MONROES PUB at 8pm. It will be €20 per table, or €5 per team member. All proceeds on the night will be going to Galway Hospice There will be plenty of prizes up for grabs on the night so come along and support the cause

Can Fluorescence Light the Way to Improved Diabetes Care?: Seminar » SC003 – Thomas Dillon Theatre » 01st March 2016

Prof. David J Birch from the University of Strathclyde is giving a talk on Tuesday (1st March) titled 'Can Fluorescence Light the Way to Improved Diabetes Care' at 4pm in the Dillon theatre.

Prof. Paul Raithby from University of Bath: Seminar » Dillon Theatre » 03rd March 2016

Alpha-Bromo Aluminium Acetals as New Substrates for Radical Cyclization: Mechanistic Study, Limits and Applications: Seminar » Orbsen » 04th March 2016

Dr. Fabrice Denes from the University of Nantes is giving a talk titled 'Alpha-Bromo Aluminium Acetals as New Substrates for Radical Cyclization: Mechanistic Study, Limits and Applications' at 1pm in the Dillon theatre.

Dr. Priyanka Joshi from University of Cambridge: Seminar » Dillon Theatre » 16th March 2016

Prof. Amir Khan - 'Structural Aspects of Vesicle Trafficking by Rab GTPases': Seminar » Orbsen » 04th April 2016

Amir Khan is Associate Professor of Biochemistry at Trinity College Dublin, and he has extensive experience in X-ray structure determination. Amir has successfully worked on diverse projects throughout his career, including proteolytic enzymes as a PhD student at the University of Alberta in Canada, and MHC chaperones as a post-doctoral fellow at Harvard University. He established a protein X-ray crystallography facility at Trinity College Dublin in 2004. During his tenure at Trinity College Dublin, his lab has established expertise in the field of 'membrane trafficking' using structural and biophysical techniques.

Dr. Fabio Cucinotta: Seminar » Dillon Theatre » 07th April 2016

Dr. Cucinotta completed his undergraduate Chemistry degrees at the University of Messina (Italy) in 2006, under the supervision of Prof. Sebastiano Campagna, with a study on the photophysical properties of polypyridine platinum(II) complexes, and then joined the University of Münster (Germany) where he obtained, in 2010, his PhD in the group of Prof. Luisa De Cola, working on the synthesis and the photochemical characterisation of hybrid architectures based on the use of zeolite L crystals as host units for organic and organometallic chromophores. He continued research on host-guest luminescent materials at the University of Eastern Piedmont, in Alessandria (Italy), as postdoctoral fellow within the group of Prof. Leonardo Marchese, broadening his expertise through the study of composite systems based on mesoporous silica, seeking applicative opportunities for the design and fabrication of light-emitting devices and sensors. He joined the School of Chemistry at Newcastle University in March 2014 as Lecturer in Physical Chemistry

Committee 2015/2016

Secretary: Patrick Kiely

Head PRO: Conan Mercer

Treasurer: Andrea Pettenuzzo

Tea room custodian: Ali Ekhtiari

Auditor: Lisa Doyle

Vice-Auditor: Omolola Gbadebo

Committee 2016/2017

Secretary: Richard Bennett

Treasurer: Yannick Casamayou

Vice-Auditor: Augusto Memmo

Tea room custodian: Adele Gabba

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,334.64	Bank charge	€48.97
Fundraising	€360.00	Dinner/Food	€964.85
Refund of Expenses	€130.00	Entertainment	€232.70
Sponsorship	€550.00	Fundraising / Charity	€360.00
USC Grant	€2,500.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€31.83
		Postage	€28.00
		Prizes	€21.39
		Reception	€40.16
		Society accomm	€1,030.00
		Socs day expenses	€11.92
		Speaker accomm	€567.00
		Speaker travel	€1,285.59
		Expenditure Total	€4,622.41
		Closing Bank Balance	€252.23
Total	€4,874.64	Total	€4,874.64

Mission Statement

We hope to promote Chemistry in NUIG and encourage everyone to get involved!

Aims, Objectives & Goals

The Goal of our Society is to promote Chemistry through seminars and different outings throughout the year. We hope to encourage students to take an interest in Chemistry and find an area they will like! We hope to show students that Chemistry has many different disciplines and it's not so hard!

Society Performance Reflection

The society did well this year, with everything running smoothly. This was made possible by a strong team in the form of the committee.

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

A successful series of seminars was run as set out in our aims. Many interesting discussions were held between students (undergrad and postgrad) and our visiting lecturers from around Ireland and Europe.

Numerous social events bringing together chemistry students were held throughout the year. These included a Halloween and Christmas party, a charity table quiz, a social night welcoming first year postgraduate students and a weekend away in Westport for all chemistry students.

Greatest Success

The seminar series was the greatest success for the society given how much work is involved in running such a programme. It proved the most beneficial part of the society for students from a chemistry point of view.

Greatest Challenge

The society's greatest challenge was bringing people together from separate parts within chemistry to get involved with the events organised by the society.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 6 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 6 committee members.

Chemistry Soc ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Amelie Roux</u>	Tea Room Manager	30 hours
<u>Lisa Doyle</u>	Auditor	100 hours
<u>Patrick Kielty</u>	Secretary	30 hours
<u>Andrea Pettenuzzo</u>	Treasurer	40 hours
# ALIVE Students:	4 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	200 hours	

Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 232 members. 2 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Chess Soc

Chess Society had some problems re-establishing as an active society this year, since most of our former members have graduated. However, from November we have been holding weekly meetings in Smokeys. We also had some inter-society events, such as Wizard Chess with Potter Soc.

Chess Society Events list (19 Individual Events)

Weekly Chess: Social » Smokeys » 21st October 2015

Weekly Chess Soc meeting. Players of all levels welcome.

Weekly Chess: Social » Smokeys » 28th October 2015

Weekly Chess Soc meeting. Players of all levels welcome.

Weekly Chess: Social » Smokeys » 04th November 2015

Weekly Chess Soc meeting. Players of all levels welcome.

Wizard Chess: Social » Foyer, Aras na MacLeinn » 11th November 2015

Wizard chess with Potter Soc!

Weekly Chess: Social » Smokeys » 18th November 2015

Weekly Chess Soc meeting. Players of all levels welcome.

Weekly Chess: Social » Smokeys » 25th November 2015

Weekly Chess Soc meeting. Players of all levels welcome.

Weekly Chess: Social » Smokeys » 13th January 2016

Weekly Chess Soc meeting. Players of all levels welcome.

Weekly Chess: Social » Smokeys » 20th January 2016

Weekly Chess Soc meeting. Players of all levels welcome.

Weekly Chess: Social » Smokeys » 27th January 2016

Weekly Chess Soc meeting. Players of all levels welcome.

Weekly Chess: Social » Smokeys » 03rd February 2016

Weekly Chess Soc meeting. Players of all levels welcome.

Weekly Chess: Social » Smokeys » 10th February 2016

Weekly Chess Soc meeting. Players of all levels welcome.

Weekly Chess: Social » Smokeys » 17th February 2016

Weekly Chess Soc meeting. Players of all levels welcome.

Weekly Chess: Social » Smokeys » 24th February 2016

Weekly Chess Soc meeting. Players of all levels welcome.

Weekly Chess: Social » Smokeys » 02nd March 2016

Weekly Chess Soc meeting. Players of all levels welcome.

Weekly Chess: Social » Smokeys » 09th March 2016

Weekly Chess Soc meeting. Players of all levels welcome.

Weekly Chess: Social » Smokeys » 16th March 2016
Weekly Chess Soc meeting. Players of all levels welcome.

Weekly Chess: Social » Smokeys » 23rd March 2016
Weekly Chess Soc meeting. Players of all levels welcome.

Weekly Chess: Social » Smokeys » 30th March 2016
Weekly Chess Soc meeting. Players of all levels welcome.

AGM: Social » Smokeys » 06th April 2016
Come along to eat pizza, hear what we've been up to for the year, and perhaps get elected. That's right - YOU could be a part of next year's ChessSoc committee

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Caolan McGlynn

OCM: Oissine O'Murchadha

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Sean Guinan

Vice-Auditor: Brendan McNelis

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	31.32	Bank charge	€15.00
		Expenditure Total	€15.00
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€16.32
Total	€31.32	Total	€31.32

Mission Statement

Inspire people to play/improve their chess and create a social environment where this is encouraged.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

To promote chess and its variants on campus and provide opportunities for our members to improve their game!

Society Performance Reflection

We found it hard to get the society active at the start of the year as we missed Socs Day 1. Our weekly meetings have had a modest but regular attendance. We were successful at the Galway Chess Congress and are hopeful that we will be more active next year.

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

Yes, we had regular attendees at our weekly chess games in Smokeys, and passersby joined in when we got our the Giant Chess!

Greatest Success

Our members won three prizes at the Galway Chess Congress.

Greatest Challenge

Getting a full committee.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 1 committee member.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 2 committee members.

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 136 members. 2 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Chinese Society

Chinese society is aiming at promoting Chinese culture in this campus and in Galway city, Richmond the after school life for all Chinese Society members, enhancing the cohesion of everybody and exercising individual's ability.

Chinese Society Events list (7 Individual Events)

Chinese Society First Meeting & EGM: Social » Engineering Building GO47 Lecture Hall » 24th September 2015

Hello, every one, this is the meeting for all the old and new members to get know each other and make plans for the new year. It is also the EGM and we would like to elect some committee members.

Global Week: Arts & Culture » Bailey Allen Hall » 05th October 2015

This events aims at showing Chinese Culture to all the Irish and international students in NUI Galway. Chinese Calligraphy, Chinese painting, Chinese food and traditional Chinese costumes are presented on site.

King Singer Competition: Arts & Culture » Limerick, Limerick, Limerick Kilmurry Lodge Hotel » 22nd October 2015

The 1st King Singer Competition of UL, NUIG and SCHM will be held in the evening on 22nd Oct (Thursday) at Limerick Kilmurry Lodge Hotel. The singing competition will proceed bilingually (Chinese and English). You are very welcome to participate in the event and cheer our 5 competitors from NUIG on! We hope NUIG will win the competition! The ticket is 8 euro per person including the returned travel fees, food and beverage. You can get the ticket at Socs Box from 10am on Tuesday to 3pm on Thursday. We will gather at the archway of the quad at 4pm on 22nd Oct (Thursday), the bus will depart at 4:15pm to Limerick and be leaving Limerick at 10:30pm the same day.

The Seagull Other Birds: Arts & Culture » Galway, Black Box Theater » 22nd January 2016

The Name of the Drama is: The Seagull and Other Birds, Mr.Gavin Quinn is the director and scriptwriter, who is Irish, and the actors and actresses are all Chinese. The Drama group comes from Chengdu in China, they are willing to show Irish friends a good performance tonight and have a good culture communication experience. The Drama group also has performance in Limerick, Cork, and Dublin. This event is supported by CSSA, Rachel Sunshine International Ltd and Chinese Community Social Network. People are very welcome, the event is free, subtitles are provided. Please come and enjoy Chinese Drama tonight

Chinese Drama: Arts & Culture » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 23rd January 2016

A Chinese Drama Troupe will give a performance from 23-24 Jan, 2015. This drama was directed by Gavin Quinn from Ireland. Anyone who is interested in Chinese culture will be very welcome to participate to the event.

Drama: Arts & Culture » Galway, Galway, Black Box Theater » 23rd January 2016

The Name of the Drama is: The Seagull and Other Birds, Mr.Gavin Quinn is the director and scriptwriter, who is Irish, and the actors and actresses are all Chinese. The Drama group comes from Chengdu in China, they are willing to show Irish friends a good performance tonight and have a good culture communication experience. The Drama group also has performance in Limerick, Cork, and Dublin. This event is supported by CSSA, Rachel Sunshine International Ltd and Chinese Community Social Network. People are very welcome, the event is free, subtitles are provided. Please come and enjoy Chinese Drama tonight~

2016 Chinese New Year Celebration GALA: Arts & Culture » Bailey Allen Hall Aras na Mac Leinn » 06th March 2016
Great News for the Year of Monkey Celebration!CSSA and NUIG Chinese Society will be holding the Chinese New Year Celebration Gala in Bailey Allen Hall on 6th of March at 6:30 pm! The friends from Shannon College and University of Limerick will celebrate with us together! We will have great performances and free food! Come to Join us! You will enjoy this!

Committee 2015/2016

Secretary: Shuyu Minna Zhang

Treasurer: Zewang Liao

Liaison : Ye Sun

Auditor: Qingfeng Yang

Vice-Auditor: Yiding Grace Wang

Committee 2016/2017

Liaison : Ye Sun

Auditor: Qingfeng Yang

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,106.11	Bank charge	€29.39
Members Contributions	€714.96	Dinner/Food	€1,215.30
Socs box Till	€192.00	Entertainment	€78.88
Sponsorship	€446.23	Equipment misc	€70.89
USC Grant	€500.00	Gifts	€112.50
		Hire Bus	€570.00
		Promotions	€118.48
		Returned Socs Money	€500.00
		Services Hired	€70.73
		Speaker travel	€10.00
		Expenditure Total	€2,776.17
		Closing Bank Balance	€183.13
Total	€2,959.30	Total	€2,959.30

Mission Statement

The NUI Galway Chinese Society is joined and organized by the students who are interested in Chinese culture and Chinese Language. Chinese Society is aiming at enhancing the friendship among the members and improving the mutual understanding

between the Chinese, international and the Irish students in NUI Galway. The committee will provide guidance, assistance and support for all the celebrations, activities and events relating to Chinese Culture.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- Promote Chinese Culture
- Enhance Friendship among Chinese, International and Irish students
- Provide forum for Mandarin Learning
- Celebrate Traditional Chinese Festivals

Society Performance Reflection

Very Good. In this year, we did the best work we can do, much better than before, we hold the great Chinese New Year Celebration Gala and many other activities, and we make the works processing as a system which can be inherited.

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

We did achieve all aims we planned, we make the basic foundations, and we have long-term objectives and goals, more projects will be proceeding next semester.

During this year, we hold these activities below:

1. Chinese New Year Celebration Gala. This gala is aiming on letting students and staff to celebrate the Chinese memorable festival. Especially to let Chinese students gather and get homey atmosphere during the most important time during the year.
2. Guiding Chinese Drama Group to perform. This activity helps to distribute Chinese culture to local people and enrich all students' after school life.
3. Assisting Doing Business in China model to perform successfully..)
4. Kildare Village Shopping Tour.

We applied this activity to provide students a convenient and cheap way to enjoy a day off in Kildare.

5. Singing Competition

This competition is held by UL, SCHM and NUIG. This is a good way to communicate with each college/ university to build strong relationship with them. There might have more activities that I have not mentioned above. Feel free to add on if you know anything. I would really appreciate your kindly help. And once again, I apologize for all the inconvenience that I have made.

Greatest Success

The Chinese Spring Festival celebration Gala, and the working system for Chinese Society which can also be used for next generation of committee.

Greatest Challenge

The last generation of Chinese Society left only few information for us, so we need to find what we should do and how we do from the beginning. However, we build a logical management system for Society work, and we have documents to past it to next generation which can make a great connection.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 5 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 0 committee members.

Chinese Society ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Zewang Liao</u>	Treasurer	122 hours
<u>Ye Sun</u>	Liaison	30 hours
<u>Yiding Grace Wang</u>	Vice-auditor	50 hours
# ALIVE Students:	3 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	202 hours	

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 130 members. 3 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Choice Society

Choice Soc is a pro-choice student society part of the national and global struggle for reproductive and sexual 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 should be free to choose either parenthood, adoption, or abortion. We therefore call for access for free, safe, and legal abortion in Ireland. In addition, we stand for free and accessible contraception for all and mandatory and accurate sex education in schools.

Choice Society Events list (6 Individual Events)

Placard Making Workshop: Social » Art Room » 15th September 2015

Interested in what the Choice Society does? Come down to our first event of the year where we will have a short intro about our society and get out the paintbrushes to make placards for the annual march for choice on Sept 26 in Dublin. It's a great chance to meet new people and see if you want to get involved this academic year. All materials will be provided and cause we're so nice, we'll also lay out some food, drinks and a few tunes as well. If you can't make the whole event, you can still pop down any time between 7-9pm to catch us for a chat :)

Repeal the 8th 101 workshop: Seminar » Irish Centre for Human Rights » 25th November 2015

Want to know exactly what the 8th Amendment means and why so many people are calling for it to be repealed? This event will fill you in on all you need to know. We are having a reception from 6:30pm with the main event kicking off at 7pm. Speakers include Jenni Owen-Thomas from AIMS Ireland (the Association for the Improvement of Maternity Services in Ireland) and Kinga Jelinska from Women Help Women (womenhelp.org) is coming over from Holland to talk about early medical abortions and how they are helping women in Ireland.

Repeal the 8th Talk: Seminar » Seminar Room, Irish Centre for Human Rights » 25th November 2015

Choice Soc EGM: Other » Meeting Room 1, Aras na Mac Leinn » 15th February 2016, Choice Soc EGM to open nominations for Secretary and to vote on the constitution.

Table Quiz Fundraiser!: Charity » Galway, Galway City, Massimo's » 03rd March 2016

Table Quiz Fundraiser with ALL PROCEEDS to Women Help Women and Abortion Support Network! 5 euro donation on the door & great prizes to be won! All welcome! FB event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/489222357928919/>

Screening of 'Take the Boat' Documentary with Q&A with Directors: Other » MY129 Aras Moyola » 09th March 2016

To celebrate Gender Equality Week, Choice Soc invites you to a special screening of the French documentary 'Take the Boat'. 'Take the Boat' is a documentary that follows four people's journey dealing with the abortion issue in Ireland. There will be a Q&A session with directors Camille Hamet and Serena Robin after the screening. All welcome!

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Anna Delany
Treasurer: Eilish Hickey
Secretary: Orlaith Reidy

Vice-Auditor: Aoibheann Houston
PRO: Maria-Johanna Heschl
OCM: Cathal Sherlock

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Orlaith Reidy
Secretary: Maria-Johanna Heschl
Treasurer: Anna Delany

Vice-Auditor: Aoibheann Houston
OCM: Cathal Sherlock

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	83.12	Bank charge	€26.52
USC Grant	€1,200.00	Dinner/Food	€113.06
		Entertainment	€48.22
		Performing rights	€165.38
		Reception	€12.80
		Speaker accomm	€118.00
		Speaker travel	€442.40
		Stationary	€65.96
		Expenditure Total	€992.34
		Closing Bank Balance	€290.78
Total	€1,283.12	Total	€1,283.12

Mission Statement

ChoiceSoc is part of the national struggle to abolish the Irish abortion ban and secure to every woman the right to choose if and when to become a mother. We stand for full reproductive rights for both women and men, for a society that supports and respect

those who choose to become parents and those who choose not to. We are a non-hierarchical group working with the national movement for a repeal of the 8th Amendment and for abortion to be free safe and legal.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We are aiming to highlight the issue of Irish abortion law on campus. There is a huge dearth in information about what the 8th Amendment and Protection of Life During Pregnancy Act 2014 actually mean and so we want to help educate and inform as many students as possible. We also want to help the students become more politically engaged in lobbying for a repeal of the 8th Amendment.

Society Performance Reflection

We did well; we maintained a pro-choice presence on campus, held some events, and counter-acted some "pro-life" campaigns.

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

Yes, we campaigned for full reproductive rights and for the repeal of the 8th amendment, we attempted to break the stigma, we highlighted the detrimental effects of the criminalisation of abortion, and we confronted some "pro-life" misinformation. We organised a bus to the March for Choice, held an informational workshop, a documentary screening, spoke at events/debates, held a fundraiser for Women Help Women and Abortion Support Network, and collaborated with Galway Pro-Choice on a few occasions.

Greatest Success

We raised over €200 for Women Help Women and Abortion Support Network and simultaneously spread knowledge of these two wonderful organisations.

Greatest Challenge

Countering the "pro-life" campaigns, and reaching new audiences.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 6 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 6 committee members.

Choice Society ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Cathal Sherlock</u>	OCM	10 hours
<u>Anna Delany</u>	PRO, Auditor	70 hours
# ALIVE Students:	2 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	80 hours	

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 209 members. 5 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Choral Soc

The aims of the Society shall be to provide a musical and social outlet and resource for students and staff of the college, to encourage and promote musical expression and appreciation among members, to teach and instruct members on technique and vocal exercise, to achieve a standard suitable for competition level, and to promote the Society and the University through performances and competitions in National and International competitions. This year we won numerous competitions for our four choirs including winning at the national Competition in Cork Choral competition, at the Kiltmach choral Festival and the Sligo Choral Festival.

Choral Society Events list (70 Individual Events)

Choral Soc Rehearsal: Training » The View » 14th September 2015

Come along to our weekly practice - no singing experience needed, just a love of music and making new friends. We sing everything from contemporary to pop to classical under the leadership of experienced choir director Peter Mannion. Come along and make some music with like-minded people, or meet us at the college bar afterwards for some icebreakers if you can't attend rehearsal!

Choral Soc Rehearsal: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 21st September 2015

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Sing N Tonics Acapella Group Auditions: Other » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 23rd September 2015

Auditions for a small campus acapella group. Please prepare a short piece for your slot.

Choral Soc Weekly Rehearsals: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 28th September 2015

Come and sing with us at our weekly Choral Soc rehearsal! We are open to everybody, regardless of singing ability or experience. Don't worry if you've never been before - new members are always welcome. This semester we sing the likes of Beyonce, Britney Spears, and Adele - the Music of the Divas.

Singing with Dementia Patients: Social » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 29th September 2015

Come along for an amazing opportunity to engage with the older members of your community. This will be a musical setting for a social experience, as singing has mental and physical benefits for those with memory loss.

Karaoke with Choral Soc: Social » Galway, Galway City, Fibber McGees » 29th September 2015

Meet us at Fibber Magees in Eyre Square at 9:30 tonight for an evening of free food, refreshments and entertainment in the form of KaRaOke!! We will have a table reserved so come look for us down the back with the sign. Members and non members both welcome!

Sing N Tonics Rehearsal: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 30th September 2015

Rehearsals for Choral Soc's auditioned acapella group.

Testostertones Rehearsal: Training » Small Acoustic Room » 02nd October 2015

Come on down to NUIG's all male vocal group! Director Peter Mannion will focus on improving the overall skill level of individuals and the group.

Special Vocal Workshop: Training » Aras Moyola Seminar Room 2 » 03rd October 2015

We'll kick off at 10:00am for a quick breakfast and then go through a fun 2 hour vocal workshop with experienced singing coach John Kennedy. At 12:30 we'll finish up with some pizza and banter.

Choral Soc Weekly Rehearsals: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 05th October 2015

Come and sing with us at our weekly Choral Soc rehearsal! We are open to everybody, regardless of singing ability or experience. Don't worry if you've never been before - new members are always welcome. This semester we sing the likes of Beyonce, Britney Spears, and Adele - the Music of the Divas.

Singing with Dementia Patients: Social » Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 » 06th October 2015

Come along for an amazing opportunity to engage with the older members of your community. This will be a musical setting for a social experience, as singing has mental and physical benefits for those with memory loss. #littlethings

Sing N Tonics Rehearsal: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 07th October 2015

Rehearsals for Choral Soc's auditioned acapella group.

Choral Soc extra rehearsal: Training » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 08th October 2015

Choral Soc Weekly Rehearsals: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 12th October 2015

Come and sing with us at our weekly Choral Soc rehearsal! We are open to everybody, regardless of singing ability or experience. Don't worry if you've never been before - new members are always welcome. This semester we sing the likes of Beyonce, Britney Spears, and Adele - the Music of the Divas.

Choral Soc Weekly Rehearsals: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 19th October 2015

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Choral Soc Extra Rehearsal: Training » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 22nd October 2015

Choral Soc Weekly Rehearsals: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 26th October 2015

Come and sing with us at our weekly Choral Soc rehearsal! We are open to everybody, regardless of singing ability or experience. Don't worry if you've never been before - new members are always welcome. This semester we sing the likes of Beyonce, Britney Spears, and Adele - the Music of the Divas.

Choral Soc Extra Rehearsal: Training » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 26th October 2015

Choral Soc Weekly Rehearsals: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 02nd November 2015

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Choral Soc Weekly Rehearsals: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 09th November 2015

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Choral Soc extra rehearsal: Training » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 12th November 2015

Choral Soc Weekly Rehearsals: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 16th November 2015

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Choral Soc Weekly Rehearsals: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 23rd November 2015

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The Sing Off: Social » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 27th November 2015

Come hear all NUIG's fabulous choirs perform and compete for the coveted sing off trophy! The Uni Tunes, Treble in Paradise, Sing N Tonics and Testostertones will all be performing and it will be the first time performing for Choral Soc's newest group the Fallopian Tunes! There will be a reception afterwards with plenty of wine, snacks and other refreshments. With groups singing everything from Beyonce, Adele and Tenacious D this certainly is a show not to be missed! Only 2 euro at door.

Sing N Tonics Auditions: Other » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 15th January 2016

The Sing N Tonics are an auditioned small mixed group singing acapella music. Normally between 8-12 members, the Sing N' Tonics sing a mix of styles and tackle more complex musical arrangements. This group is open to alumni as well as students and traditionally also has a staff representative in the group. They meet Wednesday 4 - 6 are directed by Peter Mannion. For your audition please have a short piece prepared. *Very important - please be aware that Tonics singers are expected to be at every rehearsal and you must be able to commit to this if you make it through the auditions. For more information on Choral Soc click here to visit our website.

Treble in Paradise Weekly Rehearsal (open to everyone!): Social » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 18th January 2016

Treble in Paradise is an un-auditioned mixed group open to all students regardless of singing experience, we sing a mix of styles and sing both with accompaniment and acapella. This group is for anyone who loves to sing and we focus as much on creating a welcoming group dynamic as creating beautiful music. Come along for some singing with a great group of students and some free tea and biscuits. For more information on Choral Soc click here to visit our website.

Choral Soc EGM: Other » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 18th January 2016

EGM to elect new Secretary. Other positions may also be open, including OCM. There will be tea and biscuits and we will explain everything being on the committee entails, it is a very good position to have on your CV, you get to have a say in what the choir does, and have weekly meetings with the committee who are a great bunch of people and who you'll surely become fast friends with if you join!

Fallopian Tunes Weekly Rehearsal: Social » Art Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 19th January 2016

Unauditioned female group singing a mix of styles. This is the first semester of the Fallopian Tunes and the group is open to staff, students, and alumni. Directed by Madeline Adamson, come along for some girl power singing! For more information on Choral Soc click here to visit our website.

Sing N Tonics Weekly Rehearsal: Training » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 20th January 2016

Closed rehearsal for Sing N Tonics members. For more information on Choral Soc click here to visit our website.

Treble in Paradise Weekly Rehearsal (open to everyone!): Social » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 25th January 2016

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Fallopian Tunes Weekly Rehearsal: Social » Art Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 26th January 2016

Un-auditioned female group singing a mix of styles. This is the first semester of the Fallopian Tunes and the group is open to staff, students, and alumni. Directed by Madeline Adamson, come along for some girl power singing! For more information on Choral Soc click here to visit our website.

Sing N Tonics Weekly Rehearsal: Training » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 27th January 2016

Closed rehearsal for Sing N Tonics members. For more information on Choral Soc click here to visit our website.

Testostertones Weekly Rehearsal: Training » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 29th January 2016

Closed rehearsal for Testostertones. For more information on Choral Soc click [here](#) to visit our website.

Treble in Paradise Weekly Rehearsal (open to everyone!): Social » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 01st February 2016

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Fallopian Tunes Weekly Rehearsal: Social » Art Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 02nd February 2016

Unauditioned female group singing a mix of styles. This is the first semester of the Fallopian Tunes and the group is open to staff, students, and alumni. Directed by Madeline Adamson, come along for some girl power singing! For more information on Choral Soc click [here](#) to visit our website.

Sing N Tonics Weekly Rehearsal: Training » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 03rd February 2016

Closed rehearsal for Sing N Tonics members. For more information on Choral Soc click [here](#) to visit our website.

Testostertones Weekly Rehearsal: Training » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 05th February 2016

Closed rehearsal for Testostertones. For more information on Choral Soc click [here](#) to visit our website.

Treble in Paradise Weekly Rehearsal (open to everyone!): Social » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 08th February 2016

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Fallopian Tunes Weekly Rehearsal: Social » Art Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 09th February 2016

Unauditioned female group singing a mix of styles. This is the first semester of the Fallopian Tunes and the group is open to staff, students, and alumni. Directed by Madeline Adamson, come along for some girl power singing! For more information on Choral Soc click [here](#) to visit our website.

Sing N Tonics Weekly Rehearsal: Training » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 10th February 2016

Closed rehearsal for Sing N Tonics members. For more information on Choral Soc click [here](#) to visit our website.

Testostertones Weekly Rehearsal: Training » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 12th February 2016

Closed rehearsal for Testostertones. For more information on Choral Soc click [here](#) to visit our website.

Treble in Paradise Weekly Rehearsal (open to everyone!): Social » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 15th February 2016

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Fallopian Tunes Weekly Rehearsal: Social » Art Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 16th February 2016

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Sing N Tonics Weekly Rehearsal: Training » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 17th February 2016

Closed rehearsal for Sing N Tonics members. For more information on Choral Soc click [here](#) to visit our website.

Testostertones Weekly Rehearsal: Training » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 19th February 2016

Closed rehearsal for Testostertones. For more information on Choral Soc click [here](#) to visit our website.

Treble in Paradise Weekly Rehearsal (open to everyone!): Social » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 22nd February 2016

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Sing N Tonics Weekly Rehearsal: Training » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 24th February 2016

Closed rehearsal for Sing N Tonics members. For more information on Choral Soc click [here](#) to visit our website.

Testostertones Weekly Rehearsal: Training » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 26th February 2016

Closed rehearsal for Testostertones. For more information on Choral Soc click [here](#) to visit our website.

Treble in Paradise Weekly Rehearsal (open to everyone!): Social » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 29th February 2016

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Fallopian Tunes Weekly Rehearsal: Social » Art Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 01st March 2016

Un auditioned female group singing a mix of styles. This is the first semester of the Fallopian Tunes and the group is open to staff, students, and alumni. Directed by Madeline Adamson, come along for some girl power singing! For more information on Choral Soc click [here](#) to visit our website.

Sing N Tonics Weekly Rehearsal: Training » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 02nd March 2016

Closed rehearsal for Sing N Tonics members. For more information on Choral Soc click [here](#) to visit our website.

Testostertones Weekly Rehearsal: Training » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 04th March 2016

Closed rehearsal for Testostertones. For more information on Choral Soc click [here](#) to visit our website.

Treble in Paradise Weekly Rehearsal (open to everyone!): Social » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 07th

March 2016 Treble in Paradise is an un auditioned mixed group open to all students regardless of singing experience, we sing a mix of styles and sing both with accompaniment and acapella. This group is for anyone who loves to sing and we focus as much on creating a welcoming group dynamic as creating beautiful music. Come along for some singing with a great group of students and some free tea and biscuits. For more information on Choral Soc click [here](#) to visit our website.

Fallopian Tunes Weekly Rehearsal: Social » Art Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 08th March 2016

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Sing N Tonics Weekly Rehearsal: Training » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 09th March 2016

Closed rehearsal for Sing N Tonics members. For more information on Choral Soc click [here](#) to visit our website.

Treble in Paradise Weekly Rehearsal (open to everyone!): Social » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 14th March 2016

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Sing N Tonics Weekly Rehearsal: Training » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 16th March 2016

Closed rehearsal for Sing N Tonics members. For more information on Choral Soc click here to visit our website.

Testostertones Weekly Rehearsal: Training » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 18th March 2016

Closed rehearsal for Testostertones. For more information on Choral Soc click here to visit our website.

Treble in Paradise Weekly Rehearsal (open to everyone!): Social » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 21st March 2016

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Testostertones Weekly Rehearsal: Training » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 25th March 2016

Closed rehearsal for Testostertones. For more information on Choral Soc click here to visit our website.

Treble in Paradise Weekly Rehearsal (open to everyone!): Social » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 28th March 2016

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Testostertones Weekly Rehearsal: Training » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 01st April 2016

Closed rehearsal for Testostertones. For more information on Choral Soc click here to visit our website.

Treble in Paradise Weekly Rehearsal (open to everyone!): Social » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 04th April 2016

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Treble in Paradise Weekly Rehearsal (open to everyone!): Social » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 11th April 2016

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Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Madeline Adamson

Librarian: Katherine Brewer

Public Relations Officer: Vanessa Kemmer

OCM: Aaron Kelly

OCM: Labhras Hernon

Vice-Auditor: Enya Flynn

Treasurer: Emma Brennan

OCM: Richard Fitzgerald

OCM: Frank Hall V

Committee 2016/2017

Vice-Auditor: Melissa Morris

Secretary: Labhras Hernon

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	3,333.01	Affill/Mem fees	€174.17
Bank Charge	€426.40	Bank charge	€171.87
Ecommerce Sales	€225.00	Costumes	€214.00
Refund of Expenses	€15.06	Dinner/Food	€697.44
Socs box Till	€740.00	Entry fees	€1,263.97
Sponsorship	€300.00	Equipment misc	€259.69
USC Grant	€11,500.00	Hire Bus	€520.00
		Materials	€174.45
		Online Sales Mass Refund	€50.00
		Prizes	€30.00
		Received Money Returned	€2,021.50
		Reception	€338.53
		Returned Socs Money	€100.00
		Society accomm	€3,469.90
		Society transport	€494.50
		Socs day expenses	€49.39
		Teacher fees	€3,710.00
		Expenditure Total	€13,739.41
		Cash In Hand	€38.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,762.06
Total	€16,539.47	Total	€16,539.47

Mission Statement

Choral Soc's mission is to foster a strong sense of community through music and encourage our members to learn about singing, reading music, and various styles of music in different cultures and time periods.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We aim to perform competitively in all the competitions we perform in, and win in at least 2 of said competitions. We also aim to keep numbers high, at a level around 40, to ensure a strong choral group with variety in voices.

Society Performance Reflection

The Choral Society faced a few struggles this year but overall maintained a good presence in the University and provided a positive musical experience for the students involved.

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

We did manage to keep our numbers high, ranging from 30-60 members most practices.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was our ability to bring so many people from such a wide variety of places together through music - we had singers from over 10 different countries join our group.

Greatest Challenge

The Choral soc experienced some committee/leadership challenges that made teamwork difficult and affected the ability of the society to perform at its best level.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 9 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 9 committee members.

Choral Soc ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Madeline Adamson</u>	Auditor (President)	60 hours
<u>Labhras Hernon</u>	Ordinary Committee Member, Events Manager	74 hours
<u>Katherine Brewer</u>	Secretary	64 hours
<u>Emma Brennan</u>	Treasurer	61 hours
<u>Richard Fitzgerald</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	27 hours
<u>David Nagle</u>	Testosterones Member	30 hours
# ALIVE Students:	6 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	316 hours	

Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 395 members. 7 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Classics Soc

The Classics Society has had a very successful year. The society held a number of guest speakers throughout both semesters where the speakers spoke on a broad range of interesting classics related topics. The society also had a movie night, a Christmas Party and the highlight of the year was the trip abroad to both Paris and Nice, France.

Classics Society Events list (9 Individual Events)

AGM: Other » Aras na Mac Leinn » 22nd October 2015

We'll be filing our outstanding committee positions, voting on movies for our planned movie nights and proposing destinations for our annual trip abroad.

Dr Maeve O'Brien "'Women in Ancient Rome: Matrons and Rebels"': Arts & Culture » Siobhan McKenna Theatre » 28th October 2015

Dr Maeve O'Brien of NUI, Maynooth will be delivering her talk 'Women in Ancient Rome: Matrons and Rebels'. This will cover the various roles of women in the ancient world. As always, followed by a short discussion and reception.

Classics Soc presents Disney's Hercules: Social » AC204 » 18th November 2015

We will be showing Disney's Hercules.

Christmas Party: Social » Galway, Galway City, McSwiggan's Bar » 24th November 2015

This year Classics Soc is joining Cumann Staire for a Christmas Party to be remembered. The festivities will begin at 8.30pm in McSwiggan's Bar, Woodquay where there will be complimentary food for all and some offers on refreshments!

Dr Daniele Miano presents 'Dionysus in Italy': Seminar » Siobhan McKenna Theatre » 25th November 2015

Dr Daniele Miano of UCD will be delivering a special lecture on 'Dionysus in Italy'. This will be followed by a short Q&A and a reception where refreshments will be on offer for all.

Dr John Curran's paper on 'Jesus in Flavius Josephus' 'Jewish Antiquities"': Arts & Culture » AC202 » 09th December 2015

Dr John Curran of Queen's University, Belfast will be delivering his paper on the apparent reference to Jesus in Flavius Josephus' 'Jewish Antiquities'. It promises to be a very interesting paper and a great way to relax during exam time.

Dr Jacopo Tabolli "'Rites of passage and ritual passages in pre-Roman Italy: new archaeological evidence from Narce"':

Arts & Culture » Siobhan McKenna Theatre » 09th February 2016

Dr Jacopo Tabolli of Trinity College, Dublin and Sapienza University, Rome will be delivering his paper on 'Rites of passage and ritual passages in pre-Roman Italy'. This will be followed by a reception.

Dr Eóin O'Donoghue 'Hat on a Hot Tuscan Roof': Social » Colm O'hEocha theatre (Arts Millennium) » 16th March 2016

Dr Eóin O'Donoghue presenting a paper entitled: Hat on a Hot Tuscan Roof. Followed by a small reception in the College Bar

AGM: Other » Aras Na Mac Leinn Meeting Room 1 » 19th April 2016

We will be holding our AGM, where committee positions will be up for grabs!

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Lily Hullinger

Treasurer: Christopher Collins

OCM: Eamonn O'Halloran

OCM: Michael Talty

Secretary: Lorcan Waters

Vice-Auditor: Heather Black

OCM: Stephanie Breslin

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Eamonn O'Halloran

Secretary: Connor McKeown

Vice-Auditor: Stephanie Breslin

OCM: Lily Hullinger

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,745.81	Bank charge	€51.20
Socs box Till	€800.00	Dinner/Food	€443.50
Socs Till lodgement	€385.00	Gifts	€40.00
Ticket Sales	€55.00	Reception	€352.50
USC Grant	€650.00	Society transport	€2,239.64
		Socs day expenses	€10.00
		Speaker accomm	€208.50
		Speaker travel	€179.64
		Expenditure Total	€3,524.98
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€110.83
Total	€3,635.81	Total	€3,635.81

Mission Statement

The Classics Society Mission Statement is to provide a place where students of Classics as well as students of all disciplines can come to broaden their knowledge of Classical civilizations and extend their learning outside of the classroom through guest lectures, talks, and trips.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Ours Aims, Objectives, and Goals for this year are as follows:

To organise and host a prolific lecture series, featuring speakers from across the country as well as from abroad who will come to share their research and opinions on a wide range of Classical topics, providing opportunities for students of Classics as well as those of other disciplines to expand their knowledge and engage with new and interesting ideas

To introduce a new string of events focused on student collaboration, designed to create a friendly and approachable atmosphere where students can come to talk Classics and have a bit of craic as well.

To conduct a successful trip abroad in the second semester, taking a break from Italy this year to hopefully travel to Crete for a better understanding of the ancient Minoan and Mycenaean civilisations.

Society Performance Reflection

Overall the society had a very successful year. There was student engagement with the guest speakers and the trip abroad went well.

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

Yes, the society hosted five guest speaker events throughout the year with each speaker discussing an interesting topic. These events encouraged student engagement with the society and fulfilled our objective of broadening the scope of classics topics being discussed. The society also held a collaborative Christmas party and a movie night, both of these events were successful in that they offered society members an opportunity to enjoy Classics in a more informal manner. We also achieved our goal of having a trip abroad with this year's destination being France.

Greatest Success

The trip abroad was the greatest success as it was fraught with the most difficulty. Being able to successfully lead a group of students after the challenge of organising a trip that included two destinations was very rewarding.

Greatest Challenge

Planning the trip abroad. This year was more difficult than previous years as the society wanted to travel to a new location while ensuring that it would be centred on antiquity. This proved difficult especially trying to find flights, accommodation and all within a relatively small budget. However, the dedication of those planning the trip ensured that it was successful.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 4 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 7 committee members.

Classics Soc ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Christopher Collins</u>	Treasurer and Trip Leader	400 hours
<u>Heather Black</u>	Co-Auditor	200 hours
# ALIVE Students:	2 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	600 hours	

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 181 members. 3 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Comedy Soc

As the Comedy Society, we aim to bring people who attend the university together with shared admiration for comedy. We host stand up workshops, screenings and panel shows.

Comedy Society Events list (18 Individual Events)

Comedy Soc Screening: Arts & Culture » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 14th September 2015

COMEDY SOC will be screening some of the best of 'Live At The Apollo', so come along for a good laugh, and some surprises as well!!!

Comedy Soc EGM: Other » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 16th September 2015

Tonight Comedy Soc invites everyone to come along, find out what we are all about and get involved!

Monty Python Showings: Social » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 21st September 2015

Come along to ComedySoc for some fun times to enjoy The forever hilarious Monty Python!!!!

LEE EVANS SCREENING: Other » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 05th October 2015

Monday 5th Oct we will be watching Lee Evans' amazing show, Different Planet! We'll be in The View and there will be Pizza!!!!

Games!: Social » The View » 12th October 2015

Come along for some Charades and Pictionary!!!! It'll be a blast!

Comedy Workshop: Other » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 14th October 2015

Stand up comic Bam O'Grady is coming to run a workshop on all things Stand Up!

Stand Up: Other » Aras na Mac Leinn » 21st October 2015

Our weekly StandUp Workshop is being held upstairs outside the medical centre in Aras na Mac Leinn. Come a long for some laughs and some pizza!

StandUp Workshop: Other » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 04th November 2015

Galway Comedy Jam - Comedy Open Mic: Social » Galway, Galway City, Fibber McGees » 04th April 2016

Galway Comedy Jam is a weekly comedy open mic for comedians of all experience levels located upstairs in Fibber McGee's every Monday at 9. Sign up from 9 and perform or simply watch comedy for free in a very friendly atmosphere with performances by many of our own student comedians.

Bag Of Weirdos - Stand-up Comedy Show: Social » College bar » 07th April 2016

Standup comedy with the countries most uniquely styled comedians from your headliner Davey Reilly from Facts (YouTube) to Aine Gallagher (Gaeilgeoir is Greannmhaire 2014). It is an off-of-centre eccentric comedy show right on your doorstep in the NUIG College Bar. For just €3 plus *Free finger food.

Galway Comedy Jam - Comedy Open Mic: Social » Galway, Galway City, Fibber McGees » 11th April 2016

Galway Comedy Jam is a weekly comedy open mic for comedians of all experience levels located upstairs in Fibber McGee's every Monday at 9. Sign up from 9 and perform or simply watch comedy for free in a very friendly atmosphere with performances by many of our own student comedians.

Galway Comedy Jam - Comedy Open Mic: Social » Galway, Galway City, Fibber McGees » 18th April 2016

Galway Comedy Jam is a weekly comedy open mic for comedians of all experience levels located upstairs in Fibber McGee's every Monday at 9. Sign up from 9 and perform or simply watch comedy for free in a very friendly atmosphere with performances by many of our own student comedians.

Galway Comedy Jam - Comedy Open Mic: Social » Galway, Galway City, Fibber McGees » 25th April 2016

Galway Comedy Jam is a weekly comedy open mic for comedians of all experience levels located upstairs in Fibber McGee's every Monday at 9. Sign up from 9 and perform or simply watch comedy for free in a very friendly atmosphere with performances by many of our own student comedians.

Galway Comedy Jam - Comedy Open Mic: Social » Galway, Galway City, Fibber McGees » 02nd May 2016

Galway Comedy Jam is a weekly comedy open mic for comedians of all experience levels located upstairs in Fibber McGee's every Monday at 9. Sign up from 9 and perform or simply watch comedy for free in a very friendly atmosphere with performances by many of our own student comedians.

Galway Comedy Jam - Comedy Open Mic: Social » Galway, Galway City, Fibber McGees » 09th May 2016

Galway Comedy Jam is a weekly comedy open mic for comedians of all experience levels located upstairs in Fibber McGee's every Monday at 9. Sign up from 9 and perform or simply watch comedy for free in a very friendly atmosphere with performances by many of our own student comedians.

Galway Comedy Jam - Comedy Open Mic: Social » Galway, Galway City, Fibber McGees » 16th May 2016

Galway Comedy Jam is a weekly comedy open mic for comedians of all experience levels located upstairs in Fibber McGee's every Monday at 9. Sign up from 9 and perform or simply watch comedy for free in a very friendly atmosphere with performances by many of our own student comedians.

Galway Comedy Jam - Comedy Open Mic: Social » Galway, Galway City, Fibber McGees » 23rd May 2016

Galway Comedy Jam is a weekly comedy open mic for comedians of all experience levels located upstairs in Fibber McGee's every Monday at 9. Sign up from 9 and perform or simply watch comedy for free in a very friendly atmosphere with performances by many of our own student comedians.

Galway Comedy Jam - Comedy Open Mic: Social » Galway, Galway City, Fibber McGees » 30th May 2016

Galway Comedy Jam is a weekly comedy open mic for comedians of all experience levels located upstairs in Fibber McGee's every Monday at 9. Sign up from 9 and perform or simply watch comedy for free in a very friendly atmosphere with performances by many of our own student comedians.

Committee 2015/2016

Vice-Auditor: Gavin Lennon

Treasurer: Megan Donnelly

Head of Stand-up: Conor Duffy

OCM: Jason Smith

OCM: Brendan Roche

Auditor: James Houlihan

Secretary: Roisin Collins

PRO: Jessica Doyle

OCM: Gavin Alcorn-Friel

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: James Houlihan

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	584.49		
		Expenditure Total	€0.00
Total	€584.49	Total	€0.00

Mission Statement

As the society dedicated to comedy, we will showcase all forms as well as bring people together with a common interest and laughter.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We aim to put on showings of various comedy shows, set up workshops on how to deliver one's own stand up set and how to write sketch shows, as well as help new members of the society and college make friends through their joined love of comedy and laughing.

Society Performance Reflection

The society could have done better than it had, but it was able to continue.

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

We at comedy soc believe we achieved our hopes of running successful events and keeping the comedy society running! We hosted stand up workshops and screenings of various forms of comedy.

Greatest Success

Our stand up workshops (which were run by our head of stand up; Conor Duffy) were our best events.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge was trying to overcome the stigma of our previous committee which we believe had people think that the comedy soc was no longer enjoyable

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 9 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 9 committee members.

Comedy Soc ALIVE Certificates		
James Houlihan	Auditor	36 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	36 hours	

Other Information

We held 7 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 506 members. 2 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Comic Book Society

At the outset of the 2015/2016 academic period, the Comic Book Society was inactive; however, the enthusiasm and determination of its committee elevated the society to where it was active once again. Primarily our events consisted of screenings of works adapted from comic books. We held an Emergency General Meeting in each semester, as well as a greater variety of events such as a meet 'n greet and a presentation discussing mental illness in both print and web comics. Overall, the Comic Book Society has been met with a great degree of success this year, and it is hoped that this society shall remain energized come next year.

Comic Book Society Events list (2 Individual Events)

EGM & Jessica Jones Screening: Social » Meeting Room 2, Aras na Mac Leinn » 19th January 2016

EGM: Roles available - Secretary, Treasurer, OCM. Screening of Jessica Jones, a Netflix series based on the comic character of the same name.

EGM: Other » Meeting Room 1, Aras na Mac Leinn » 28th January 2016

Roles available: Treasurer, Secretary, OCMs

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Glenn Farrelly

Treasurer: Michelle Moore Temple

Secretary: Sean Donnelly

Ordinary Committee Member: Brendan McNelis

Vice-Auditor: Grainne O'Donovan

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Grainne O'Donovan

Ordinary Committee Member: Brendan McNelis

Vice-Auditor: Sean Donnelly

Treasurer: Michelle Moore Temple

Ordinary Committee Member: Emma Walsh

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€437.72	Bank charge	€45.00
Total	€437.72	Expenditure Total	€45.00
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€392.72
		Total	€437.72

Mission Statement

The NUI Galway Comic Book Society in 2015/16 is committed to

- growing the society, and bringing it back from an inactive status
- furthering the interest and understanding of the comic book medium.
- developing and maintaining a comic book library, which will be open to all members.
- working with other societies in order to show the versatility of the comic book medium, and to bring many topics to a wider audience.
- providing a free, safe space for members to discuss the medium and share opinions and ideas.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

The aims of the society shall be:

- To provide a year-round open forum, community group and social space for staff and students of NUIG to gather for discussion and appreciation of the Comic Book medium
- To make social a normally solitary pastime and accommodate and promote new interest
- To celebrate the Society members' passion for the medium
- To promote awareness of the medium
- To organise social, extra-curricular activities as a safe and welcome alternative for incoming students and established students & staff alike
- To promote Irish, UK and European comics
- To develop a society comic book library
- To have a relevant and informative website
- To foster and promote the dynamic development of the medium as it evolves

Society Performance Reflection

Though it was a quiet year overall, the Comic Book Society was kept afloat through the proliferation of events. The dedication and ability of its committee, who invested much of their time and enthusiasm into relieving the society of its previously-held dormancy, should be especially noted as being key to the society's improved performance this year. Each event was expertly prepared, with no issues regarding finance or health and safety. In summation, it has been a reasonably productive year for the society, an achievement that both its members and committee can be proud of.

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

As the Comic Book Society became active once again it can be said that it largely achieved its aims, objectives and goals this year. Events allowed participants to enjoy and showcase their passion and investment in the medium, and the society itself provided a comfortable space in which to promote the best work the medium has to offer. The society's presence on social media allowed the promotion of these events for those either new to the university or those already established. Overall, the society has achieved what has been outlined for this year.

Greatest Success

Perhaps the most laudable success of the Comic Book Society was it becoming a fully active society once again, as outlined in its mission statement. This was largely due to the proliferation of events, which were always well-organised and met with little-to-no difficulty. The dedication and ability of its committee, who invested much of their time and enthusiasm into relieving the society of its previously-held dormancy, should be especially noted as being key to the society's improved performance this year.

Greatest Challenge

Though there is a large quantity of students who are members of the Comic Book Society, there was a lack of attendance at certain events (despite promotion on social media as well as on campus). This was likely due to a increasingly hectic academic schedule or social scene; hopefully more people will attend events come next year, perhaps through means of collaboration with other societies.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 4 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 3 committee members.

Comic Book Society ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Michelle Moore Temple</u>	Treasurer	8 hours
<u>Brendan McNelis</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	50 hours
# ALIVE Students:	2 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	58 hours	

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 231 members. 4 of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Compsoc

The NUI Galway's Computer Society (CompSoc) is one of the oldest societies in the university. It's also the oldest Computer/Networking Society in Ireland, created in 1977.

CompSoc's main goal is to try and foster a love and passion for all things tech related in the students and staff of the NUIG, as well as anyone who wants to learn. We host a wide variety of events to work towards this goal, including workshops about Linux, hardware, and programming.

We also host our own servers in our own comms room. We give members of compsoc a server account. You can use this server account to host a website, SSH access and your own personal e-mail.

CompSoc Society Events list (28 Individual Events)

EGM: Other » The Meeting Rooms » 21st September 2015

We are holding an EGM on Monday 21st September to elect: Auditor, Vice Auditor, Secretary, PRO, Web Admins, Safety Officer. Informal social chat, catch-up and food will take place. All members are welcome!

Synapse //a Tech Carnival: Conference » Bailey Allen Hall » 23rd September 2015

NUI Galway students will hold a new unique networking and workshop event, bringing major technological companies and employers to campus. 'Synapse//a Tech Carnival', a one-day free event, will take place on Wednesday 23rd September in the Bailey Allen Hall, and is for students and people interested in technology to meet with key Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) stakeholders in a fun and informative exchange of ideas.

CompSoc Screenings: Mr. Robot: Social » Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 » 05th October 2015

We thought since a lot of our members look at computers all day that we would do something a bit different. Starting Monday 5th October 2015 in the Meeting Rooms (Áras na Mac Léinn), CompSoc will be showing the full 10 episode season of Mr. Robot. The series is based on a young, anti-social computer programmer Elliot who works as a cyber security engineer during the day, but at night he is a vigilante hacker. He is recruited by the mysterious leader of an underground group of hackers to join their organization. Elliot's task? Help bring down corporate America, including the company he is paid to protect, which presents him with a moral dilemma. Although he works for a corporation, his personal beliefs make it hard to resist the urge to take down the heads of multinational companies that he believes are running -- and ruining -- the world. To kick the showings off, Mr. Robot will start every Monday starting 5th of October for 5 weeks showing 2 episodes each Monday. An excellent, breath-taking show which will have your eyes glued to the screen and at the edge of your seat! Matching in with Mental Health week, Elliot is afraid and reluctant to ask for help from his friends and the show illustrates how important it is to talk and enjoy life to the full! It is based around Ethical Hacking which matches a major issue worldwide at Global week, which also kicks off the same week. This show is truly awesome and is not to be missed. Whether you are fascinated with technology or not, you will truly enjoy this show. Free pizza and a bit of a laugh for those that come.

CompSoc Screenings: Mr Robot: Social » Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 » 12th October 2015

We thought since a lot of our members look at computers all day that we would do something a bit different. Starting Monday 5th October 2015 in the Meeting Rooms (Áras na Mac Léinn), CompSoc will be showing the full 10 episode season of Mr. Robot. The series is based on a young, anti-social computer programmer Elliot who works as a cyber security engineer during the day, but at night he is a vigilante hacker. He is recruited by the mysterious leader of an underground group of hackers to join their organization. Elliot's task? Help bring down corporate America, including the company he is paid to protect, which presents him with a moral dilemma. Although he works for a corporation, his personal beliefs make it hard to resist the urge to take down the heads of multinational companies that he believes are running -- and ruining -- the world. This show is truly awesome and is not to be missed. Whether you are fascinated with technology or not, you will truly enjoy this show. Free pizza and a bit of a laugh for those that come.

CompSoc Screenings: Mr. Robot: Social » McMunn Theatre » 19th October 2015

We thought since a lot of our members look at computers all day that we would do something a bit different. Starting Monday 5th October 2015 in the Meeting Rooms (Áras na Mac Léinn), CompSoc will be showing the full 10 episode season of Mr. Robot. Note: Due to conferrings, Mr Robot will be showed in the McMunn Theatre for the 19th October 2015. All other Mondays will be in the Meeting Rooms. The series is based on a young, anti-social computer programmer Elliot who works as a cybersecurity engineer during the day, but at night he is a vigilante hacker. He is recruited by the mysterious leader of an underground group of hackers to join their organization. Elliot's task? Help bring down corporate America, including the company he is paid to protect, which presents him with a moral dilemma. Although he works for a corporation, his personal beliefs make it hard to resist the urge to take down the heads of multinational companies that he believes are running -- and ruining -- the world. To kick the showings off, Mr. Robot will start every Monday starting 5th of October for 5 weeks showing 2 episodes each Monday. An excellent, breath-taking show which will have your eyes glued to the screen and at the edge of your seat!

Trip to Computer & Communications Museum of Ireland: Other » Outside Orbsen » 30th October 2015

Free. Meet at 3.30pm outside the Orbsen Building and take the City Direct bus to Dangan to Insight, Computer Museum Free of charge and will go for refreshments/food after.

CompSoc Collaboration: Building a PC: How hard can it be? feat. Video Game Society: Social » Áras Uí Cathail Lecture Theatre » 02nd November 2015

We're doing an inter-soc event collaborating with Video Game Soc on a tutorial of building your own PC. Featuring pizza, snacks and refreshments.

Game Jam: Other » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 06th November 2015

Make a game prototype in a weekend. Join a team or work solo. Get to meet other game developers, learn stuff and make stuff. We'll showcase your creations on our website. Bring your own laptop/game making equipment and anyone you know who likes game jams! Rules for the event: Theme: a theme will be announced on event launch on Friday. It's there to help with ideas and it's open to interpretation. Teams: Pre-arranged teams are fine but need approval from organisers so let us know beforehand. Tickets: Public: €5 online registration or €7 on the door. CompSoc members jam for free (€5 paid on registration will be held as a deposit and returned after confirmation of membership). Please bring your NUI Galway Student/Staff ID. Conduct at the event: Be excellent to each other! (Reasonable, not on fire). Should there be any issues during the event, contact one of our organisers (there'll be a few wearing name badges) and we'll do our best to resolve the situation. To be clear, by attending you agree that the organisers will have final say in any dispute between two or more parties at the event. We imagine that this won't be necessary, but it's good to have written here. We want everyone to enjoy their time at the jam! Event run by Galway Game Jam with CompSoc NUI Galway, Galway Gaming Tribes and D'Lovely Game Jam

CompSoc EGM and screenings of The IT Crowd: Social » Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 » 09th November 2015

We will be passing through our new constitution, electing a Treasurer and Webmasters, Server Admins and OCMs if people are interested. Afterwards, we're going to watch our two favourite episodes of The IT Crowd with some pizza and refreshments. We thought since a lot of our members look at computers all day that we would do something a bit different. Since everyone has binged Mr. Robot we're going to watch our two favourite episodes of The IT Crowd from 6-8pm instead next Monday in the Meeting Rooms. There will be pizza and refreshments while watching the screenings.

CompSoc Screenings: The Social Network: Social » Meeting Rooms » 16th November 2015

There will be popcorn, refreshments and pizzas. Not to be missed! In 2003, Harvard undergrad and computer genius Mark Zuckerberg (Jesse Eisenberg) begins work on a new concept that eventually turns into the global social network known as Facebook. Six years later, he is one of the youngest billionaires ever, but Zuckerberg finds that his unprecedented success leads to both personal and legal complications when he ends up on the receiving end of two lawsuits, one involving his former friend (Andrew Garfield). Based on the book "The Accidental Billionaires."

CompSoc Collaboration: Kerbal Space Program: Seminar » Meeting Rooms » 19th November 2015

Join us for an exciting night of Kerbal Space Program with Video Game Soc, bring your wits, imagination and engineering skills for chances to win prizes.

CompSoc @ The Galway Science & Technology Festival: Conference » Bailey Allen Hall » 22nd November 2015

CompSoc in collaboration with Galway's 'Digital Makers' will be present at the Galway Science & Technology Festival.

CompSoc Gaming Night and LAN Party: Social » ENG-2035 » 22nd November 2015

CompSoc are hosting a LAN Party/Gaming Night on Sunday 22nd in the evening, open to everyone! We will be playing MMOs as well as Mario Bros (cos who doesn't love a friendship-destroying game of Mario Kart!!) ALL are invited so bring your friends as well as any games/consoles/controllers that we can use on the night!! Keep an eye out for our posters, email and text messages!! If you are not receiving emails from us, drop us a line at compsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at our awesome future events

Socs Day 2: Other » Bailey Allen Hall » 13th January 2016

Come and see our stand at Socs Day 2 for another opportunity to sign up, meet the CompSoc team, free goodies and games to play.

CompSoc Tutorial: Build Your Own PC: Seminar » Meeting Room 2, Áras na Mac Léinn » 27th January 2016

A tutorial on how to build your own PC and what to look for when buying a computer.

Compsoc Tutorial: How to build your own website for Societies: Training » Áras Uí Cathail Lecture Theatre » 02nd February 2016

Find out the surprisingly quick and easy ways to make a website that shows off your society and provides an information point for upcoming events.

Camara Computer Dropoff Collection Point: Other » 18 Distillery Rd., NUI Galway » 03rd February 2016

Have you an old computer lying around, but you don't want to dump it? Why not donate it to Camara on campus? Camara is an Irish volunteer organisation that uses technology to improve education in Africa. On the first Wednesday of every month (usually), 11am-6pm, we hold a public drop-off for members of the community to drop-off their computer equipment. All computers, laptops, flat screen monitors, and keyboard donations are welcome. Free of charge recycling! *Directions to Drop-off Hub: Drive up Lower Newcastle Road, in the direction of Moycullen. Turn right onto Distillery Rd at the AIB student Bank. This will bring you into the NUIG campus. After about 200m there is a turn-off to the left, towards the Kingfisher Sports Centre. Just before this turn-off, the Camara drop-off hub is situated at number 18; a bungalow on its own, on the left-hand side of the road.

Internet Safety Day: Social » Campus » 09th February 2016

We'll be on campus raising awareness of internet privacy and safety online.

EGM & How to build your own PC Part 2!: Training » ENG-2035 » 10th February 2016

We'll be holding an EGM to elect a Secretary for our committee on Wednesday 10th February from 6pm in the Engineering Building. There will also be positions for OCM available if there is interest. Afterwards we'll be finishing the How to Build Your Own PC Part 2 tutorial and if we have time we might even watch an episode. It'll be a chance to get to know other members, it'll be fun and sociable so please come along. We'll have food as decided on the day!

Jobs Movie Night: Social » IT250 » 15th February 2016

This week Compsoc will be collaborating with India Soc and holding an intersociety event! 6-8pm in IT250 on Monday 15th February. There'll be popcorn/food and beverages provided.

All you need to know about Operating Systems!: Training » IT106 » 22nd February 2016

Taidh and Tadgh will continue their tutorials with an introduction on the Operating Systems available, from where, for what cost (or no cost!), the differences, how to install them and general tips. All are welcome to come and banter is to be expected!

Linux Tutorials: Training » AM201 PC Suite » 24th February 2016

Server registration and general intro linux tutorial on how to use linux at the command line.

Inter-Computer Society Hackathon: Conference » ENG-G0046 » 04th March 2016

This is the first year that the computer societies of Ireland have come together for one large hackathon. This year, Compsoc in NUI Galway are hosting an Intervarsity event in collaboration with UCC Netsoc, Redbrick (DCU) and TCD Netsoc. It's a great opportunity to network and make new friends in faraway places as we explore the best Galway has to offer and bring to life ideas you might never have thought possible on your own! With things like Arduino Hydroponics, Raspberry Pi mirrors, Home Automation, Emulators, PS1 development and so much more, there's a project for everyone to sink their teeth into. Not your everyday competitive hackathon, we'll be working together on whatever project you feel like, with hardware provided to test on! It won't be just using computers - there will be socialising too. Interested? Sign up here: <https://compsoc.typeform.com/to/y9uLsp>

Game Jam: Training » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 01st April 2016

Details TBC

CompSoc AGM: Social » ENG-2002 » 11th April 2016

It's nearing the end of term it's time for our CompSoc AGM on Monday April 11th @ 6pm in ENG-2002. There will be pizza and drinks, you can meet the members of the committee and find out how you can get involved for next year! It's the perfect opportunity to get to know the outgoing CompSoc committee and we'll be electing our new committee for 2016/17!! All positions are up for grabs: Auditor, Vice Auditor, Treasurer, Secretary, Public Relations Officer, OCMs, Chief Server Admin, Assistant Server Admin. We will also set up a working group for our annual Tech Fair in September. We will also be playing board games because there's no better way to get to know people than over a game of snakes and ladders. I hope to see you all there! CompSoc Committee

Committee 2015/2016

OCM: Casey Chung

Treasurer: Taidgh Murray

Server Administrator: Patrick O'Flaherty

Asst. Secretary: Naomi Finnerty

PRO: Deirdre O'Connor

OCM: Aisling Guinan

OCM: Cathal Donovan

Asst. PRO: Oluwatobi Awoponle

Auditor: Tim Murphy

Senior Server Admin: Lydia Shirley

Secretary: Tadhg Wagstaff

Vice-Auditor: Gerard McNamara

OCM: Saoirse Kears

OCM: Cara Cumberland

Server Administrator: Joseph Gleeson

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Taidgh Murray

Secretary: Joseph Gleeson

Public Relations Officer: Naomi Finnerty

Senior System Administrator: Tim Murphy

Asst. Server Administrator: Paul Coombes

Vice-Auditor: Eamonn Hannon

Treasurer: Tadhg Wagstaff

OCM: Pedrosa Don-Pedro

Asst. Server Administrator: Patrick O'Flaherty

Webmaster: Casey Chung

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,774.26	Apparel	€900.00
Hoodies	€900.00	Bank charge	€27.65
USC Grant	€1,500.00	Dinner/Food	€230.65
Total	€4,174.26	Equipment misc	€1,296.34
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€355.61
		Socs Box Till Sales	€184.75
		Socs day expenses	€47.24
		Stationary	€98.92
		Expenditure Total	€3,141.16
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,033.10
		Total	€4,174.26

Mission Statement

To promote an increased awareness of and interest in computing and the beneficial use of computers in NUI Galway and to provide a social environment for its members.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

This year we aim to

- Be fully resurrected and to enter multiple society awards
- See if it's possible to update website and improve server infrastructure setups
- Improve communication with members and external organisations
- Work with other societies for inter-societies events and increase numbers of attendees
- To be a society and aim to have weekly events apart from exams etc

Society Performance Reflection

We did wonderfully, holding a wide range of events and improving upon our own infrastructure.

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

We achieved all of our goals, except for having weekly events. However, we had an event almost every week, excluding weeks we were aware of inevitable low attendance.

Greatest Success

While it's hard to discern a greatest success, as our successes were numerous and wonderful, we're particularly proud of some of our very engaged society members and the wide range of events we enjoyed together.

Greatest Challenge

Initially it was difficult to avoid a high turn out of people attending our events to avail of our refreshments, however we overcame that bump eventually.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 10 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 5 committee members.

Compsoc ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Tim Murphy</u>	Auditor	2000 hours
<u>Joe Murphy</u>	Volunteer	80 hours
<u>Joseph Gleeson</u>	Committee Member	80 hours
<u>Deirdre O'Connor</u>	Public Relations Officer	523 hours
<u>Cillian Fennell</u>	Volunteer	6 hours
<u>Eamonn Hannon</u>	Volunteer	13 hours
<u>Eoghan Geoghegan</u>	Volunteer	15 hours
<u>Luke Jacobsen</u>	Volunteer	25 hours
<u>Daniel Regan</u>	Volunteer	20 hours
<u>Aisling Carrick</u>	Volunteer	12 hours
<u>Gerard McNamara</u>	Vice Auditor	200 hours
<u>Cathal Donovan</u>	Committee Member	50 hours

<u>Taidgh Murray</u>	Treasurer	250 hours
<u>Casey Chung</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	15 hours
<u>Naomi Finnerty</u>	Vice Secretary and Synapse Volunteer	500 hours
<u>Ryan O'Connor</u>	Fundraiser	12 hours
# ALIVE Students:	16 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	3801 hours	

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 385 members. 2 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Cumann de Barra

Cumann de Barra had a successful year. On Societies Day in September, we recruited over 500 members continuing our status as NUIG's largest political society and Ogras largest Cumann nationally. We continued to have weekly meetings on various topical issues and encouraged people to attend to share their views. The Cumann hosted a series of events including a talk on the Rural Crime and Criminal Law (Defence and Dwelling) Act, 2011. The Coimisineir Teanga, Ronan O Domhniail gave a talk on Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiula, a lively discussion. Tir gan teanga, tir gan anam! Dr. Shivaun Quinlivan gave a talk on the Separation of Powers which proved to be an educational evening for all in attendance. Joe Kelly also gave a talk on Galway City's Transport and Traffic problems and possible solutions to those problems.

In November 2015, we hosted Hustings for candidates in the Ogra National Youth Conference elections to speak to the Cumann about their policies. A large delegation from the Cumann then attended the NYC in Newry, a historic event and a very enjoyable weekend. In December, the Cumann hosted the Ogra Christmas Party which was heavily attended by members from various Cumanns across the country and was a very enjoyable event. In January, the Cumann attended the NUIG political debate 'Battle of the Parties/Cath na Paitithe' between members of Cumann Caoimhin de Barra, the Social Democrats, Sinn Fein and Fine Gael on various political issues in the run up to the general election. The president of Ogra Fianna Fail, Eoin Neylon was our speaker for the event.

We also canvassed for general election candidates of South Mayo-Galway West, John Connolly and Mary Hoade as well as for Cllr Anne Rabbitte in Galway East who was the elected to represent the 32nd Dail.

Ar aghaidh le Fianna Fail!

Cumann de Barra Society Events list (31 Individual Events)

First Meeting: Social » AC201 » 14th September 2015

We're kicking off the year this Monday night with a meet and greet for our new members, with FREE PIZZA. Cause we're sound. We'll be outlining who we are, what we do, as well as some of the big events we have lined up for the year ahead AND eating FREE PIZZA. It starts at 8pm in AC201 (between Bank of Ireland and Smokies). All welcome. No, seriously though, come along!

Weekly Meeting: Other » AC204 » 21st September 2015

Come along to our first official meeting of the year this Monday night, 21st September, @8PM in AC204. This week we will be discussing the Stormont Crisis!

Week 3 Meeting: Other » AC204 » 28th September 2015

This week we will be discussing the Students Union. Come along and join our lively discussion and debate!!

Rural Crime and Criminal Law (Defence and Dwelling) Act, 2011 Discussion and Debate: Other » AC204 » 05th October 2015
Week 4's meeting will be a special discussion and debate evening on the topic of Rural Crime and Criminal Law (Defence and Dwelling) Act, 2011. We have invited guest speakers to give us their opinions on these topics. Everyone is invited to come along and join in.

EU Debate: Other » AC204 » 12th October 2015

This week we will be discussing the EU. As always, AC204 @8PM on Monday night! Also we will have details about the National Youth Conference, so anyone interested in going should come along! ☐☐ Everyone is welcome so come along and join in!

CdB Budget 2016 Discussion and NYC Motions: Other » AC204 » 19th October 2015

#CdB will be discussing Budget 2016 as well as accepting motions for the upcoming NYC!

#CdB Shag Week Special: Other » AC204 » 02nd November 2015

Week 9 - This week #CdB will have SU Welfare Officer Jimmy in to talk about Shag Week, Consent and Sexual Health.

NYC Hustings: Other » AC201 » 09th November 2015

Cuminn de Barra will be hosting the final hustings before the NYC

National Youth Conference: Conference » Down, Newry, Canal Court Hotel » 13th November 2015

A weekend of debate, political discussion, workshops, voting and networking.

No Meeting: Other » N/A » 16th November 2015

There is no meeting tonight

Final Meeting of Semester 1: Other » AC204 » 23rd November 2015

EGM: Other » TBC » 11th January 2016

Cumann de Barra - Socs Day: Other » Bailey Allen Hall » 13th January 2016

We're at Table 53 in the Bailey Allen Hall

Galway City Outer Bypass Discussion: Other » AC201 » 18th January 2016

Cumann de Barra will be discussing the proposed Galway City Outer Bypass.

Trip to Seanad Eireann: Other » Dublin, Dublin, Seanad » 21st January 2016

Cumann de Barra have organised a trip to the Seanad for Thursday 21st January. Short notice is due to uncertainty regarding the election and the need to visit the Seanad before it is dissolved.

Flooding Crisis Discussion: Other » AC201 » 25th January 2016

Cumann de Barra will be hosting a discussion on the recent Floodings that have affected Galway City and County over the past few weeks, as well as discussion possible solutions to future threats.

Diospoireacht leis an Coimisinéir Teanga: Arts & Culture » Dillon Theatre » 27th January 2016

Cumann Caoimhín de Barra is delighted to announce that on the 27th of February at 7.30 p.m in AC 201 on the Concourse a talk will be given by the current Coimisinéir Teanga (Language Commissioner) Rónán Ó Domhnaill regarding an Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (The Official Languages Act).

8th Amendment (Pre-Election Special 1): Other » AC201 » 01st February 2016

In the run up to the General Election Cumann de Barra will host 3 debates on 3 Key Issues of this election. Details will be provided once topics have been decided.

Battle of the Parties/Cath na Pháirtithe: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 03rd February 2016

Cumann Caoimhín de Barra, the Social Democrats, Sinn Féin and Fine Gael will be talking about different political issues in the run up to the general election.

Ógra Canvass for Mary Hoade: Other » Galway, Renmore, Renmore » 08th February 2016

Cumann de Barra will be canvassing for Cllr Mary Hoade.

Ógra Canvass for John Connolly: Other » Galway, Galway City, Galway City » 15th February 2016

Cumann de Barra will be canvassing for John Connolly

Specially Convened EGM: Other » TBC » 17th February 2016

A Specially Convened EGM will take place on Wednesday 17th February @8PM in TBC

Week 7 Meeting: Other » AC201 » 22nd February 2016

Week 7 Meeting

Post-Election Discussion: Other » AC201 » 29th February 2016

We will be discussing the fallout from the General Election

SU Comedy Gig: Other » AC201 » 07th March 2016

CdB are encouraging members to support the SU Comedy Gig tonight.

Talk on Separation of Powers: Seminar » UC102: Aras Ui Chathail » 08th March 2016

Dr. Shivaun Quinlivan will be giving a talk on the Separation of Powers.

Week 10 - Talk by Joe Kelly on Galway City: Other » AC201 » 14th March 2016

This week we will be joined by Joe Kelly to talk to us about Galway City's Transport and Traffic problems and possible solutions to those problems.

Athraigh go Gaeilge 2016 - Change to Irish 2016: Arts & Culture » Facebook » 25th March 2016

https://www.facebook.com/events/463880137151167/Bhí_cúlraí_agus_tuairimí_éagsúla_ag_na_fir_agus_na_mná_a_bhí_taobh_thiar_d'imeachtaí_1916. Áfach, bhí an-mheas acu ar an nGaeilge. Bhí siad ag iarraidh í a athbheochan agus a neartú. Ar an ábhar seo, tá muid ag iarraidh daoine ar Facebook, fud fad na tíre agus thar sáile, a n-ainmneacha a aistriú ó Bhéarla go Gaeilge le haghaidh deireadh seachtaine na Cásca mar chuid den Chomóradh Céad Bliain Éirí Amach na Cásca, agus chun onóir a thabhairt do na fir agus mná 1916. Athraigh do chéadainm nó do sloinne! Is féidir libh <http://www.sloinne.ie/> nó <http://www.irishidentity.com/names.htm> a úsáid. Go raibh maith agaibh! We are calling on people across Ireland and across the world to change their name or surname to Irish for the Easter weekend to mark the Centenary of the 1916 Easter Rising, and to the honour the men and women behind the events of 1916 who had great respect for the Irish language and wanted to restore it as the common language of Ireland. We want to reach 500 people, so if you change your name or have it in Irish already, click Interested or Going so we can keep count! If you're unsure of your Irish name, head over to <http://www.sloinne.ie/> or <http://www.irishidentity.com/names.htm> and find it there. Go raibh maith agaibh!

1916 Commemoration: Arts & Culture » Dublin, Dublin City Centre, tbc » 26th March 2016

Plans are currently being made with regards travelling to Dublin to take part in the 1916 Rising Commemorations

Week 11: Other » TBC » 04th April 2016

AGM and Comedy Roast: Other » AC201 » 11th April 2016

Our AGM will take place on the 11th April 2016. All committee positions will be up for election. We will also be roasting our members who are leaving us this year! It promises to be an entertaining evening!

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Thomas Cahill

Treasurer: Niall Gaffney

Secretary: Martina Mannion

Events Officer: Kerrie McGroarty

Irish Officer: Patrick Deane

First Year Rep: Margaret Fitzgerald

International Officer: Daniel Haverty

Vice-Auditor: Darren Hughes

Co Treasurer: Kevin Higgins

Public Relations Officer: Paschal Lehany

Membership Officer: Ronan Barrett

Post Graduate Rep: Barry Gillen

Inclusion Officer: Amira Mahdi

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Thomas Cahill

Treasurer: Ronan Barrett

Co-Treasurer: Darren Hughes

PRO/Membership Officer: Niall Gaffney

Secretary: Margaret Fitzgerald

Vice-Auditor: Paschal Lehany

Events Officer: Louise Burke

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	4,259.68	Bank charge	€27.75
Bank Charge	€720.00	Dinner/Food	€271.36
USC Grant	€1,500.00	Reception	€200.00
		Returned Socs Money	€1,100.00
		Society accomm	€1,170.08
		Society transport	€260.00
		Expenditure Total	€3,029.19
		Closing Bank Balance	€3,450.49
Total	€6,479.68	Total	€6,479.68

Mission Statement

- To promote the aims and objectives of Fianna Fáil amongst all young people,
- To ensure that young people, who wish to do so, have the opportunity to take part in political debate, discussion and activity,
- To promote greater involvement and participation of young people at all levels of Fianna Fáil,
- To work with other Fianna Fáil party units in providing an effective and organised campaign team at elections,
- To encourage and promote as many young candidates as possible for Fianna Fáil, and
- To highlight and campaign for the needs and issues that affect and interest young people.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Our principle aim is to assist in Ógra Policy Making, while also providing a place for lively debates and discussion for students in NUIG.

Society Performance Reflection

We believe we performed well over the year and engaged with our members.

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

Yes, we are satisfied that we achieved all of our aim and objectives to a reasonable level.

Greatest Success

Being the largest Ógra Cumann in Ireland.

Greatest Challenge

Generating interest in some of our events.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 8 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 13 committee members.

Cumann de Barra		
<u>Martina Mannion</u>	Cisteoir/Runai	175 hours
<u>Amira Mahdi</u>	Inclusion Officer	48 hours
<u>Thomas Cahill</u>	Runai, Cathaoirleach	200 hours
<u>Niall Gaffney</u>	Treasurer	200 hours
# ALIVE Students:	4 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	623 hours	

Other Information

We held 14 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 484 members. 8 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Cumann Gaelach

Bhain an Cumann Gaelach traidhfil spriocanna amach i mbliana, mar shampla, turas go dtí Oireachtas na Gaeilge, ciorcail comhrá, oícheanta amach agus Bál na Gaeilge. Tá cuid mhór rudaí nár bhain an Cumann Gaelach amach i mbliana agus tá an lucht ar an coiste féin mar gheall ar sin ach caithfidh muid cuimhneamh ar na rudaí maithe fosta.

Dá mbeadh sé á dhéanamh againn arís bheadh muid níos eagraithe agus níos aontaithe mar fhoireann. Tá súil againn go mbeidh bliain gheal fhiúntach ag an Cumann Gaelach ar an bliain seo chugainn.

Cumann Gaelach Events list (3 Individual Events)

Ciorcál Comhrá: Social » Aras na Gaeilge » 17th September 2015

ECM: Other » Aras na Gaeilge » 11th November 2015

Caithfidh muid leas-reachtaire nua a cheapadh mar gheall gur éirí an ceann a bhí againn as

Bál na Gaeilge: Social » Galway, Galway, Galway Bay Hotel » 01st March 2016

Beidh BÁL NA GAEILGE 2016 ag tarlú ar an 1ú Márta (Seachtain na Gaeilge) 2016 :D Tá sceitimíní an domhain orainn uilig agus tá súil againn go mbeidh sibh uilig i láthair don bál iontach seo! Beidh an banna cheoil nua-aimseartha, beomhar, iontach DYSANIA dul a bheith linn ar an oíche chomh maith le ceol galánta traidisiúnta ón TRAD SOC, OÉG!Beidh na ticéidí ar fáil ón SOCS BOX go luath (iomlán €35 agus dearnach €15 - praghsanna thar barr!!)

Committee 2015/2016

OCM: Robert O'Toole

Vice-Auditor: Patrick McDevitt

Drama officer: Caitriona Ni Dhomhnaill

Auditor: Claire McAreavey

Treasurer: Stuart MacPhaidin

Secretary: Lucy Costello

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Claire McAreavey

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€2,517.40	Affill/Mem fees	€1,150.70
Bank Charge	€15.00	Ball	€1,586.00
Ecommerce Sales	€65.00	Bank charge	€24.55
Socs box Till	€2,505.00	Costumes	€100.00
USC Grant	€750.00	Dinner/Food	€30.00
Total	€5,852.40	Entertainment	€30.00
		Entry fees	€741.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€64.89
		Prizes	€30.38
		Society transport	€758.00
		Expenditure Total	€4,515.52
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,690.85
		Total	€6,206.37

Mission Statement

*Craic agus comhrá,
daoibhse ar fad,
trí himeactaí shóisialta,
le go mairfidh an Ghaeilge i bhfad.*

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Is é príomh-aidhm na coiste ná an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn ar fud ár gcampas agus go ginearálta. Tá muid ag iarraidh ócaidí bhríomhaire a n-éagrú dár mbaill, le go mbeidh mic léinn na hollscoile in ann sult agus sproí a bhaint as an Ghaeilge i mbealach ré-chúiseach. Chomh maith le seo tá sé d'aidhm againn a bheith ag obair go dlúth leis an Oifigeach Ghaeilge ar an champus, agus achan uile tacaíocht a thabhairt dóibh. Is soléir dúinn go gcaithfidh muid a bheith ag obair le chéile, mar fhoireann, agus scileanna cumarsáide maithe a chleachtadh ionas go bhfaigheadh muid ár gcuid tascanna déanta mar is ceart.

Society Performance Reflection

Ní dhéarna muid ró-mhaith i gcoitinne.

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

Bhain muid amach cúpla spriocanna, mar shampla, turas go dtí Oireachtas na Gaeilge, Bál na Gaeilge agus cúpla rud eile.

Greatest Success

Bál na Gaeilge.

Greatest Challenge

Obair foirne sa choiste.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 7 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 7 committee members.

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 468 members. 1 committee member has completed the end of year survey.

Cumann Staire (History)

This year An Cumann Staire (the History Society) organised 23 events including guest lectures, the Irish History Students Association annual conference, an internal trip to Cork, and the Arts Ball. The Arts Ball was a great success with 1,600 attendees. The IHSA conference saw a total of 73 papers given by History students from various institutions across the country. In total 12 guest lectures were organised with speakers from universities ranging from Manchester to Trinity. An external trip to Prague is also set to be organised by the society during the summer.

Cumann Staire Events list (18 Individual Events)

Socs Day 1: Social » Bailey Allen Hall » 09th September 2015

Meet Cumann Staire at our booth in the Bailey Allen Hall to learn about what we do and how you can get involved.

Welcome Nights #1 & #2: Social » The View Aras Na Mac Leinn » 09th September 2015

Welcome, fellow craic lovers. We have TWO nights for you to find eternal salvation in your history society, An Cumann Staire... Meet 'n' Greet #1 // Wednesday @ 7pm, The View. On the night of Wednesday the 9th, we shall be having our annual Welcome Night. The event will take place upstairs in the Áras na Mac Léinn from 7 P.M until 9 o'clock, by which time we shall take a short stroll to the nearby Scholars' Rest. Free food & refreshments will be provided in both locations, and all are welcome to come. Meet 'n' Greet #2 // Thursday (10th) @ 7 pm, Large Acoustic Room. Then, hold onto your socks because they're about to be knocked off, we shall have another welcome night the following evening. Same time, same place, only this time it will be downstairs in the Large Acoustic Room. Again, all are welcome to join.

Bowling Night: Social » Smokies Cafe » 15th September 2015

Bowling Night with An Cumann Staire! Come get to know more about us and the society and get a free game of bowling in the process. We will meet up in Smokey's cafe on the concourse at 6:45 pm and proceed to the Planet Galway (part of the Headford Road shopping centre). Guaranteed to be a fun

Guest Lecture - Prof. Cormac Ó Gráda (UCD) - 'Researching the Great Famine: Much Done, More to Do': Seminar » Anderson Lecture Theatre » 22nd September 2015

Our first guest lecture of the academic year gives host to Prof. Cormac Ó Gráda (UCD). An economic historian, with particular reference to the economics of famines, he is kindly giving a lecture on the methodology and issues with researching the Great Famine in Ireland. Refreshments and discussion afterwards. Facebook event

Extraordinary General Meeting: Other » AC201 » 23rd September 2015

It's that time of year again to complete the Cumann Staire committee for 2015 - 16 and deal with any outstanding business of note to our members.

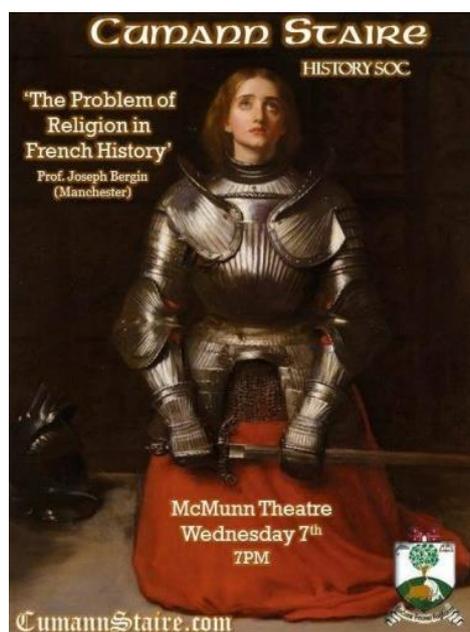
If you wish to get involved the vacant positions are as follows: First Year Representative, Second Year Representative, Erasmus/International Representative, Postgraduate Representative, Irish Language Representative, Ordinary Committee Members. We are also dealing with any constitutional amendments/changes that need to be made. Free food and refreshments afterwards.

Guest Lecture: Dr. John Paul Newman - 'The centre cannot hold': Revolutions, Counter-Revolutions, and the Liberal Order in Europe, 1917-1923.: Seminar » McMunn Theatre » 30th September 2015

Lecture from Dr. John Paul Newman (NUIM). He will be discussing the liberal turn in Europe and counter-revolution post-WWI - causes, consequences and problems. Refreshment and discussion to follow.

Guest Lecture: Prof. Joseph Bergin - 'The Problem of Religion in French History': Seminar » McMunn Theatre » 07th October 2015

We are proud to have the distinguished Professor Joseph Bergin (Manchester) as our guest. Professor Bergin is the foremost scholar in early modern France and will be giving a lecture on the subject - regarding the problems and trends seen through the examination of religion in French history. Refreshments and discussion afterwards.



Guest Lecture: Prof. Malcolm Barber - The Trial of the Templars: Seminar » McMunn Theatre » 21st October 2015

Our next guest lecture is Prof. Malcolm Barber (Reading). A veteran scholar of the medieval period, he is renowned as the world's leading expert on the Knights Templar, which is the subject of his presentation today. Refreshments and discussion afterwards.

Theatre Night: Playboy of the Western World: Arts & Culture » Galway, Galway City, Town Hall Theatre » 29th October 2015

This week are doing something a bit different... We are hitting up the theatre! We will be watching J.M. Synge's immensely influential play set in early 20th century western Ireland: Playboy of the Western World. Meetup will be at Smokey's at 7pm and we will make our way over in good time for the start of the play at 8pm.

Guest Lecture: Dr. Dion Symthe 'Byzantium in the 11th Century: an Outsider's View': Seminar » Fottrell Theatre » 02nd November 2015

Our penultimate lecture of the Semester will be given by Dr Dion Sythe of Queen's University Belfast. The talk will explore continental European and wider world perspectives of Byzantium before its downfall in the 11th century. Discussion, refreshments and a social (with complimentary finger food) afterwards

Internal Trip to Cork: Social » Cork, Cork, Bru Bar and Hostel » 13th November 2015

We are bringing back our fabled internal trip after a hiatus. This year we will be visiting The People's Republic: Cork. The trip will be two nights stay with the return on Sunday. Sign up is for the low price of €35 in SocsBox (Aras na Mac Leinn), including travel and accommodation. Limited places so get there early to book. Leaving via Citylink at 2.30pm Friday afternoon and returning Sunday afternoon.

Guest Lecture: Dr. Séan Ó Duibhir - 'Pragmatism versus 'Legitimacy': An overview of the political development of the IRA(s) during the twentieth century ': Seminar » McMunn » 18th November 2015

Our final lecture of the semester is to be given by a distinguished member of our alumni: Dr Séan Ó Duibhir. He has recently completed his Phd in counter terrorism in Northern Ireland and is an expert in the development of (Provisional) Sinn Fein and the (P)IRA during the 20th century. As always, refreshments and discussion afterwards.

Annual Christmas Party: Social » Galway, Galway City, McSwiggans » 24th November 2015

Our legendary Annual Christmas Party is back once again. This year the festive merriment will be taking place on Tuesday the 24th November at 8.30pm in McSwiggan's Bar in Woodquay. There will be plentiful complimentary food and offers on refreshments. In association with Classics Soc.

Socs Day 2: Other » Aras na Mac Leinn » 13th January 2016

Come down and say hello at our table in the Bailey Allen Hall to hear about what plans we have to the semester and how you can get involved!

Meetup and New Member Welcome Night: Social » AC 202 » 13th January 2016

Welcome back to all our existing members, and a big hello to all our new ones! We are having a meet-up in AC 202 on the Arts/Science Concourse to discuss our plans for the semester and how you can get involved. There will be free finger food and refreshments and a social afterwards.

Silent Disco: Social » College bar » 21st January 2016

Tickets: €6 Available to buy from the Socs Box, College Bar and Online. Valentine's day and even more importantly Arts Ball 2016 are closing in. We thought we best give you an opportunity to sort yourselves out and find that special someone or enjoy a great night out with that special someone. Two is better than one and we have two events for the price of one so we present 'Kick Off', the first big event of the semester. Proceeds are going to MSF and COPE. :: SILENT DISCO @ COLLEGE BAR - followed by: :: TRAFFIC LIGHT PARTY @ ELECTRIC It'll all be traffic light themed so dress to reflect your status. Rules are simple: :: Red - Not interested / Taken :: Orange - I could be convinced... :: Green - Hello... Is it me you're looking for? R.O.A.R.

Arts ball Tickets on Sale: Social » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 26th January 2016

Arts Ball Tickets check out the website at the link. Final Year Arts @ 1.15pm (Full & VIP) and general sales for Full, VIP & Afters. Great line up in the Salthill Hotel Feb 10th.

Guest Lecture: Dr. Micheál Ó Siochrú (TCD) - 'The Down Survey and the Transformation of Early Modern Ireland': Seminar » McMunn Theatre » 27th January 2016

For our first guest semester of the semester we are glad to have Dr. Micheál Ó Siochrú (TCD) as our guest. He will be talking about Cromwellian land settlement, with his talk entitled: 'The Down Survey and the Transformation of Early Modern Ireland'. Q&A, refreshments and a social afterwards.

Guest Lecture: Dr. Sylvie Kleinman (TCD) - 'Republicans Celebrating and Historians' Headaches: Musings on French Patriotic and Nationalist Culture for the Irish Centenary': Seminar » McMunn Theatre » 03rd February 2016

Cumann Staire is pleased to welcome Dr. Sylvie Kleinman (TCD). Dr. Kleinman is an expert on nationalistic culture and infrastructure. The lecture, entitled: 'Republicans Celebrating and Historians' Headaches: Musings on French Patriotic & Nationalist Culture for the Irish Centenary' will delve into the similarities between French and Irish Nationalist culture and how they have developed and evolved over the centuries. The lecture will be followed by an informal Q & A session and complimentary refreshments will be available after the event.

Arts Ball 2016: Social » Galway, Salthill, Salthill Hotel » 10th February 2016

Arts Ball is BACK and promised to be bigger and better than last year (if that is even possible)! Expect a late night. Tickets on sale at the SocsBoxStay tuned for further details.

Annual Table Quiz: Social » College Bar, Back room » 15th February 2016

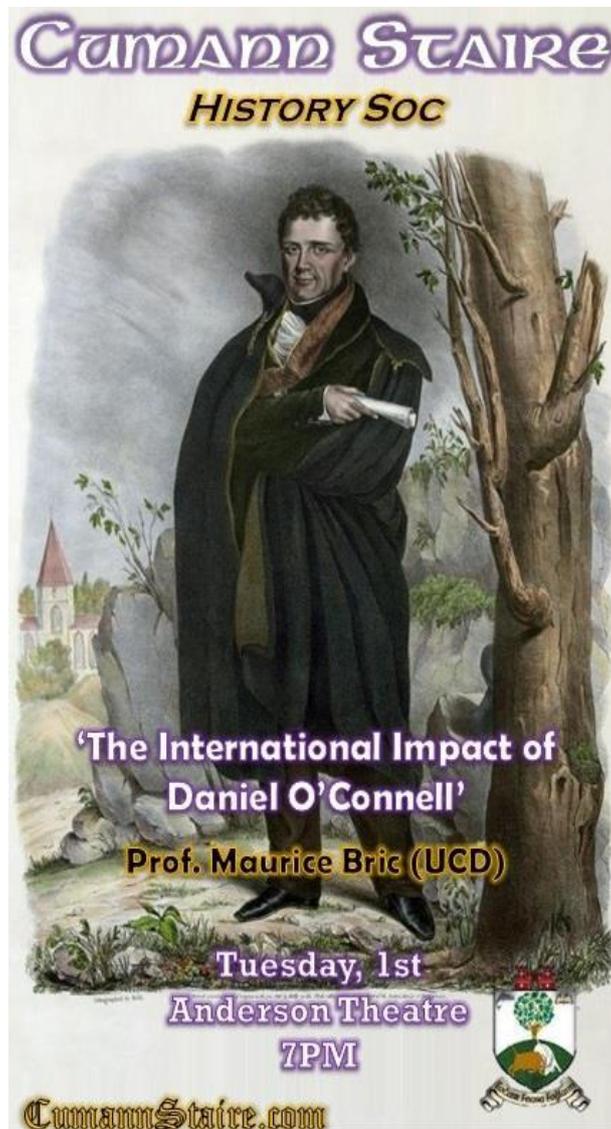
Yes it's that time of year again. It's the somewhat annual Cumann Staire table quiz! You have the opportunity to prove that YOU & your friends are the smartest children in the playground by showing off your intellect in areas not just confined to History. There will be 4 people per team with each member paying €5. Tickets will be available on the night. Free finger food will also be brought to those who participate and the top 3 teams will each receive a luxurious prize.

Irish History Students Association Conference 2016: Conference » Arts Millennium Building » 19th February 2016

Cumann Staire is once again delighted to host the Irish History Students Association 2016 Conference. Conference site.

Guest Lecture: Prof. Maurice Bric (UCD) - 'The International Impact of Daniel O'Connell': Seminar » Anderson Lecture Theatre » 01st March 2016

For our third guest lecturer of the semester we are pleased to welcome Prof. Maurice Bric (UCD). The talk, entitled: 'The international impact of Daniel O'Connell' will delve into the character's actions abroad, how influential he would become in a global perspective, and the lasting footprint his legacy has left on those from overseas. The event will be followed by an informal Q & A session and complimentary refreshments will be available for those in attendance. Facebook event:.



Guest Lecture: Dr. Conor McNamara (NUI Galway, 1916 Scholar in Residence), 'Glorious Forever?... Is the 1916 Rebellion still relevant in a modern Ireland?': Seminar » McMunn Theatre » 09th March 2016

For our fourth guest lecturer of the semester, Cumann Staire is pleased to welcome Dr. Conor McNamara (NUI Galway). Dr. McNamara is currently the 1916 Scholar in Residence here at NUI Galway and his talk entitled: 'Glorious forever?...Is the 1916 Rebellion still relevant in a modern Ireland?' will delve into the aftermath of the Rising and the political implications that followed, how these implications hold up today, as well as the cultural impact the Rising has had on the country. As always, the event will be followed by an informal Q & A session and complimentary refreshments will be available for those in attendance.

Guest Lecture: Prof. David Ryan (UCC) - 'Ways of Knowing: The Historiography and US Collective Memory of the Vietnam Wars': Seminar » McMunn Theatre » 10th March 2016

Cumann Staire is pleased to welcome Prof. David Ryan (UCC). His talk, entitled: 'Ways of Knowing: The Historiography & US Collective Memory of the Vietnam Wars', will focus on how the Vietnam Wars were represented both during and after the conflict through the likes of film, media and memorialisation, which, in-turn, created varying discourses for the general public to latch on to. The event will be followed by an informal Q & A session and complimentary refreshments will be available for those in attendance.

'The Women of the Rising: The Untold Stories' - Panel Discussion: Seminar » Aras uí Cathaill Lecture Theatre » 15th March 2016

Cumann Staire are co-hosting a night of reflection on the women of Ireland's revolutionary period. The event will be a panel discussion on the women of the period, and includes special guests Dr. Catriona Clear, and the cast and crew of an upcoming radio play, 'The Gifford Girls'. As always, free refreshments and discussion afterwards.


 Cumann Staire, Dramsoc & Feminist Societies NUI Galway Present

The Women of the Rising: The Untold Stories Panel Discussion



With Gerry Conneely
 Playwright of the *Gifford Girls* due to be broadcast on Galway Bay FM Easter Week funded by the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland from TV licence fees. Plus Producer Biona Hughes and members of the cast.

Caitriona Clear Senior Lecturer in the Department of History NUIG. Founder member of the Women's History Association of Ireland and the author of several books on nineteenth-century Irish women's history and social history generally.

March 15th at 7.30pm
 Aras ui Cathaill Lecture Hall, NUI Galway

Guest Lecture: Dr. Liam Lillis Ó Laoire (NUI Galway), 'Traidisiún na nAmhrán: Léargas ar Stair Bhéil agus ar Sheanchas na nDaoine/ Tradition of Song: An Insight on the Oral History and Lore of the People.', (Léacht Tionscnaimh na Ghaeilge/Inaugu: Seminar » McMunn Theatre » 21st March 2016

Annual General Meeting: Other » McMunn Theatre » 06th April 2016

Tonight is our annual general meeting where we will be discussing issues of concern to our members. Firstly we will be dealing with any constitutional matters that anyone wishes to bring up. Following that, the election of the 2016/2017 committee will follow. The following positions are available: Auditor*Vice-Auditor*Treasurer*Secretary*Irish Language Officer, Postgraduate Representative, 2nd Year Representative, Safety Officer* = Denotes a mandatory, core position that needs to be elected.

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Jordan Markey

Secretary: Niall McHugh

Public Relations Officer: Brendan McNelis

Safety Officer: Ciara Clarke

Erasmus/International Representative: Aidan Graham

OCM: Mary Campbell

OCM: Cian Moran

Erasmus/International Representative: Joseph Dobransky

Second Year Representative: Christopher McKeagney

Vice-Auditor: Daniel Ryan

Treasurer: Liam Coppinger

Arts Ball Organiser: John Devlin

Postgraduate Representative: Matthew Calvert

Oifigeach na Gaeilge: Patrick Deane

OCM: Katya Radovanova

OCM: Gavin McGuire

First Year Representative: Filip Lach

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: John Devlin

Treasurer: Niall McHugh

Vice-Auditor: Jordan Markey

Secretary: Connor McKeown

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	755.27	Bank charge	€67.49
Fundraising	€315.00	Dinner/Food	€2,037.00
Members Contributions	€10.00	Entry fees	€155.00
Socs box Till	€1,360.00	Equipment misc	€91.91
Sponsorship	€1,100.00	Gifts	€30.00
USC Grant	€3,550.00	Materials	€75.48
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€14.13
		Online Sales Mass Refund	€29.60
		Postage	€21.40
		Printing	€148.00
		Prizes	€22.00
		Reception	€1,282.05
		Society accomm	€728.00
		Society transport	€1,235.40
		Socs day expenses	€34.39
		Speaker accomm	€588.00
		Speaker travel	€522.23
		Expenditure Total	€7,082.08
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€8.19
Total	€7,090.27	Total	€7,090.27

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. Host a number of academic events to stimulate historical discussion and progression at NUI Galway.
2. Provide a social outlet for students with an interest in history.
3. Exceed our membership count for the 2014/2015 academic year.
4. Exceed our attendance and sales for the 2015 Arts Ball.

5. Host and make successful the 2016 IHSA Conference.
6. Maintain the ongoing reputation of the society and NUI Galway as a whole.

Society Performance Reflection

Overall this was a successful year for the society. We organised 23 events over the course of the academic year. These ranged from social get-togethers to academic events. Social events held included meet-ups, a bowling night, and a Christmas Party.

12 lectures were organised including one Irish language event.

These included:

‘Researching the Great Famine: Much Done, More to Do’; Prof Cormac Ó Gráda (UCD)

‘The Centre Cannot Hold: Revolutions, Counter-Revolutions and the Liberal Order in Europe, 1917-23’; Dr. John Paul Newman (NUIM)

‘The Problem of Religion in French History’; Prof. Joseph Bergin (University of Manchester)

‘The Trial of the Templars’; Prof. Malcolm Barber (University of Reading)

‘Byzantium’s Eleventh Century: An Outsider’s View’; Dr. Dion Smythe (QUB)

‘Pragmatism Versus ‘Legitimacy’: An overview of the development of the IRA(s) during the twentieth century’; Dr. Séan Ó Duibhir (NUIG)

‘The Down Survey and the Transformation of Early Modern Ireland’; Dr. Micheál Ó Siochrú (TCD)

‘Republicans Celebrating and Historians’ Headaches: Musings on French Patriotic and Nationalist Culture for the Irish Centenary’; Dr. Sylvie Kleinman (TCD)

‘The International Impact of Daniel O’Connell’; Prof. Maurice Bric (UCD)

‘Glorious Forever?... Is the 1916 Rebellion still relevant in a modern Ireland?’; Dr. Conor McNamara (NUIG)

‘Ways of Knowing: The Historiography and US Collective Memory of the Vietnam Wars’; Prof. David Ryan (UCC)

‘Traidisiún na nAmhrán: Léargas ar Stair Bhéil agus ar Sheanchas na nDaoine/ Tradition of Song: An Insight on the Oral History and Lore of the People’; Dr. Liam Lillis Ó Laoire (NUIG)

An internal society trip to Cork was held between the 13th and 15th of November.

Other events organised included a Silent Disco and a night at the theatre to see Playboy of the Western World.

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

Yes, the society achieved most of the aims and goals set out at the start of the year.

-All of the academic events organised were met with an enthusiastic response from those who attended. Various different strands of history were covered from Medieval to Modern.

-Many students studying history or those who just had an interest attended events and found a forum for discussion as well as a chance to meet others with the same interest as them. The wine receptions and social gatherings held after events were also useful channels for meeting new people in the university.

Our membership count decreased from 405 in the previous academic year to 393. However this is partly due to some members not renewing their memberships.

Attendance and sales from the 2015 Arts Ball increased from 918 to 1,620.

The IHSA conference was a success overall with 73 papers presented and a great deal of attendees.

Greatest Success

The Arts Ball 2016 was a huge success attracting over 1,600 people. A good deal of money raised from the event was also given to charities such as COPE and Doctors Without Borders. This was even more remarkable considering that attendance had risen from 918 in 2015.

Greatest Challenge

Organisation of the Arts Ball and the IHSA annual conference required a great deal of time and planning. Large scale events such as these required meeting frequently with promoters, sponsors, security, hotel management, etc. There was also a great deal of promotion involved to ensure the success of these events.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 17 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 17 committee members.

Cumann Staire (History) ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Ciara Clarke</u>	Safety Officer	50 hours
<u>Jordan Markey</u>	Auditor	750 hours
<u>Brendan McNelis</u>	Public Relations Officer	200 hours
<u>Niall McHugh</u>	Secretary	200 hours
<u>Daniel Ryan</u>	Vice Auditor	30 hours
# ALIVE Students:	5 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	1230 hours	

Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 393 members. 11 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Dansoc

Interested in dancing and performing? Then DanSoc is for you! Our aim is to give students a chance to perform, to learn new dance skills and also to meet new people. We hold classes in Hip-Hop, Jazz, Contemporary, Irish Dancing and many more at all levels. DanSoc also takes part in the National Inter-Varsity dance competition every year where our society gets the chance to compete against all other dance societies in the country! We also hold many other events throughout the year.

Dansoc Society Events list (146 Individual Events)

DanSoc - ZUMBA!: Training » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 15th September 2015

DanSoc - Jazz (Beginner's): Training » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 15th September 2015

DanSoc - Hip-Hop (Beginner's): Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 15th September 2015

DanSoc - Ballet (All Levels): Training » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 15th September 2015

DanSoc - Hip-Hop (Intermediate): Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 15th September 2015

DanSoc - Jazz (Intermediate): Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 16th September 2015

DanSoc - ZUMBA!: Training » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 22nd September 2015

DanSoc - Jazz (Beginner's): Training » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 22nd September 2015

DanSoc - Hip-Hop (Beginner's): Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 22nd September 2015

DanSoc - Ballet (All Levels): Training » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 22nd September 2015

DanSoc - Hip-Hop (Intermediate): Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 22nd September 2015

DanSoc - Jazz (Intermediate): Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 23rd September 2015

DanSoc -Irish Dancing (Beginners): Training » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 24th September 2015

DanSoc - Irish Dancing (Intermediate): Training » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 24th September 2015

DanSoc - Irish Dancing (Advanced): Training » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 24th September 2015

DanSoc - ZUMBA!: Training » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 29th September 2015

DanSoc - Jazz (Beginner's): Training » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 29th September 2015

DanSoc - Hip-Hop (Beginner's): Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 29th September 2015

DanSoc - Ballet (All Levels): Training » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 29th September 2015

DanSoc - Hip-Hop (Intermediate): Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 29th September 2015

DanSoc - Jazz (Intermediate): Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 30th September 2015

AfroBeat Dance Workshop: Health & Lifestyle » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 30th September 2015

DanSoc - Irish Dancing (Intermediate): Training » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 01st October 2015

DanSoc - Irish Dancing (Advanced): Training » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 01st October 2015

DanSoc - ZUMBA!: Training » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 06th October 2015

DanSoc - Jazz (Beginner's): Training » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 06th October 2015

DanSoc - Hip-Hop (Beginner's): Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 06th October 2015

DanSoc - Ballet (All Levels): Training » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 06th October 2015

DanSoc - Hip-Hop (Intermediate): Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 06th October 2015

DanSoc - Jazz (Intermediate): Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 07th October 2015

DanSoc - Irish Dancing (Intermediate): Training » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 08th October 2015

DanSoc - Irish Dancing (Advanced): Training » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 08th October 2015

DanSoc- Contemporary: Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 12th October 2015
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DanSoc - ZUMBA!: Training » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 13th October 2015

DanSoc - Jazz (Beginner's): Training » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 13th October 2015

DanSoc - Hip-Hop (Beginner's): Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 13th October 2015

DanSoc - Ballet (All Levels): Training » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 13th October 2015

DanSoc - Hip-Hop (Intermediate): Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 13th October 2015

DanSoc - Jazz (Intermediate): Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 14th October 2015

DanSoc - Irish Dancing (Intermediate): Training » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 15th October 2015

DanSoc - Irish Dancing (Advanced): Training » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 15th October 2015

DanSoc - ZUMBA!: Training » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 27th October 2015

DanSoc - Jazz (Beginner's): Training » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 27th October 2015

DanSoc - Hip-Hop (Beginner's): Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 27th October 2015

DanSoc - Ballet (All Levels): Training » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 27th October 2015

DanSoc - Hip-Hop (Intermediate): Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 27th October 2015

DanSoc - Jazz (Intermediate): Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 28th October 2015

DanSoc - Irish Dancing (Intermediate): Training » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 29th October 2015

DanSoc - Irish Dancing (Advanced): Training » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 29th October 2015

DanSoc - ZUMBA!: Training » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 03rd November 2015

DanSoc - Jazz (Beginner's): Training » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 03rd November 2015

DanSoc - Hip-Hop (Beginner's): Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 03rd November 2015

DanSoc - Ballet (All Levels): Training » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 03rd November 2015

DanSoc - Hip-Hop (Intermediate): Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 03rd November 2015

DanSoc - Jazz (Intermediate): Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 04th November 2015

DanSoc - Irish Dancing (Intermediate): Training » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 05th November 2015

DanSoc - Irish Dancing (Advanced): Training » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 05th November 2015

DanSoc - Jazz (Intermediate): Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 11th November 2015

DanSoc - Irish Dancing (Intermediate): Training » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 12th November 2015

DanSoc - Irish Dancing (Advanced): Training » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 12th November 2015

Zumba: Health & Lifestyle » Áras na mac Léinn - The Stage » 17th November 2015
Zumba will take place this Tuesday in The Stage at 5pm!New members always welcome!Tickets 2 euro from Socs Box!

Jazz (mixed ability): Health & Lifestyle » Áras na mac Léinn - The Stage » 17th November 2015
2 euro per class! New members always welcome!

Contemporary: Health & Lifestyle » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 17th November 2015

2 euro per class! New members always welcome!

Hip Hop (Beginners): Health & Lifestyle » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 17th November 2015

2 euro per class! New members always welcome!

Ballet (Mixed Ability): Health & Lifestyle » Áras na mac Léinn - The Stage » 17th November 2015

2 euro per class! New members always welcome!

Hip Hop (intermediate): Health & Lifestyle » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 17th November 2015

2 euro per class! New members always welcome!

Irish Dancing (beginners): Health & Lifestyle » Áras na mac Léinn - The Stage » 17th November 2015

2 euro per class! New members always welcome!

Irish Dancing (advanced): Health & Lifestyle » Áras na mac Léinn - The Stage » 17th November 2015

2 euro per class! New members always welcome!

Jazz: Health & Lifestyle » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 18th November 2015

2 euro per class! New members always welcome!

Pole Dancing Workshop!: Health & Lifestyle » Galway, Galway City, .. » 18th November 2015

Tickets on sale from socs box! Limited places available!Price tba

DanSoc Winter Showcase: Health & Lifestyle » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 23rd November 2015

Our annual winter showcase will be taking place Tonight the 23rd of November, in The Cube!We have performances from various different societies including our very own Irish Dancing Crew!Tickets are only 3 euro and this includes the Showcase, Finger food in College Bar afterwards, and our after party in Electric!Hope to see you all there!!

Beginners Irish: Training » The Stage » 11th January 2016

tickets available from the Socs Box for 2 euro!

Intermediate Irish: Training » The Stage » 11th January 2016

tickets available from the Socs Box for 2 euro!

Beginners Hip Hop: Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 12th January 2016

Tickets available from the Socs Box for 2 euro!

Intermediate Hip Hop: Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 12th January 2016

Tickets available from the Socs Box for 2 euro!

Intermediate Ballet: Training » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 13th January 2016

Tickets available from the Socs Box for 2 euro!

Beginners Jazz: Training » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 13th January 2016

Tickets available from the Socs Box for 2 euro!

Intermediate Jazz: Training » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 13th January 2016

Tickets available from the Socs Box for 2 euro!

Beginners Contemporary: Training » Áras na mac Léinn - The Stage » 19th January 2016

Tickets can be purchased for €2 at Socs Box!

Beginners Hip Hop: Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 19th January 2016

Tickets can be bought for €2 at Socs Box!

Intermediate Contemporary: Training » Áras na mac Léinn - The Stage » 19th January 2016

Tickets can be purchased for €2 from Socs Box!

Intermediate Hip Hop: Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 19th January 2016

Tickets can be purchased for €2 at Socs Box!

Intermediate Ballet: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 20th January 2016

Tickets can be purchased for €2 at Socs Box!

Heelography Workshop: Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 20th January 2016

Jay Molyneux is back to teach a second routine all done in your heels! Tickets are only €2 from the Socs Box! Bringing heels along is encouraged but not a necessity! Beginners AND men are all encouraged to come and try this out! Hope to see you all there!

Beginners Jazz: Training » The Space, Aras na Mac Leinn » 20th January 2016
Tickets can be purchased for €2 from Socs Box!

Intermediate Jazz: Training » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 20th January 2016
Tickets can be purchased for €2 from Socs Box!

Beginners Irish: Training » The Stage » 25th January 2016
tickets available from the Socs Box for 2 euro!

Intermediate Irish: Training » The Stage » 25th January 2016
tickets available from the Socs Box for 2 euro!

Zumba: Training » Áras na mac Léinn - The Stage » 01st February 2016

Beginners Irish: Training » The Stage » 01st February 2016
tickets available from the Socs Box for 2 euro!

Beginners Contemporary: Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 01st February 2016

Intermediate Irish: Training » The Stage » 01st February 2016
tickets available from the Socs Box for 2 euro!

Intermediate Contemporary: Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 01st February 2016

Beginners Hip Hop: Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 02nd February 2016

Intermediate Hip Hop: Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 02nd February 2016

Intermediate Ballet: Training » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 03rd February 2016

Beginners Jazz: Training » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 03rd February 2016

Intermediate Jazz: Training » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 03rd February 2016

Beginners Irish: Training » The Stage » 08th February 2016
tickets available from the Socs Box for 2 euro!

Beginners Contemporary: Training » The Cube » 08th February 2016

Intermediate Irish: Training » The Stage » 08th February 2016
tickets available from the Socs Box for 2 euro!

Intermediate Contemporary: Training » The Cube » 08th February 2016

Zumba: Training » The Stage » 09th February 2016

Beginners Hip Hop: Training » The Cube » 09th February 2016

Intermediate Hip Hop: Training » The Cube » 09th February 2016

Intermediate Ballet: Training » the space » 10th February 2016

Beginners Jazz: Training » the space » 10th February 2016

Intermediate Jazz: Training » the space » 10th February 2016

Contemporary Class: Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 15th February 2016

Tickets 2 euro from Socs Box!

Contemporary Crew: Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 15th February 2016

Tickets 2 euro from Socs Box!

Beginners Irish Dancing: Training » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 16th February 2016

Tickets 2 euro from Socs Box!

Mixed Hip Hop: Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 16th February 2016

Tickets 2 euro from Socs Box!

Advanced Irish Dancing: Training » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 16th February 2016

Tickets 2 euro from Socs Box!

Jazz Crew: Training » The Space, Aras na Mac Leinn » 17th February 2016

Tickets 2 euro from Socs Box!

Irish Crew: Training » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 17th February 2016

Tickets 2 euro from Socs Box!

Mixed Hip Hop: Training » The Space, Aras na Mac Leinn » 17th February 2016

Tickets 2 euro from Socs Box!

Beginners Irish: Training » The Stage » 22nd February 2016

Tickets available from the Socs Box for 2 euro!

Intermediate Irish: Training » The Stage » 22nd February 2016

Tickets available from the Socs Box for 2 euro!

Zumba: Training » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 01st March 2016

GOOD MORNING NUIG: Strength & Conditioning with Fionnuala Doyle-Wade: Health & Lifestyle » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 07th March 2016

DanSoc are proud to announce that we will be taking part of Socs Box's fabulous GOOD MORNING NUIG event with a refreshing 'Strength & Conditioning' with Fionnuala Doyle-Wade, our very own jazz and ballet choreographer! The class will wake up those morning muscles that always keep you from starting your day right! This is a once off FREE class that is not to be missed. Doors open at 8:00am and will be followed by a session of a lovely session of Mindfulness in the meeting rooms. Tea and scones provided by those lovely pals at Socs Box!

Beginners Irish: Training » The Stage » 07th March 2016

Tickets available from the Socs Box for 2 euro!

Intermediate Irish: Training » The Stage » 07th March 2016

Tickets available from the Socs Box for 2 euro!

Zumba: Training » Áras na mac Léinn - The Stage » 08th March 2016

STRICTLY COME DANSOC: Charity » Bailey Allen Hall Aras na Mac Leinn » 09th March 2016

DanSoc are proud to present the charity event of the year! Wednesday March 9th will see a variety of NUI Galway 'Celebrities' team up with DanSoc 'Professionals' in a series of performances all in aid of charity. These personalities have been training hard to put on one hell of a show all in aid of charity. Our couples are as follows: Rebecca Melvin & Jonathan Carton. Christopher McBrearty & Lauren Wynne. Deirdre Ní Chloscaí & Ricky Jinks. David McEnroe & Charlotte Moore. Noelle McNamara & Shane Mullarkey. Cathal Ryan & Emer Hogan. WILD CARD COUPLE - Nikk Dunne & Martha Brennan Judges include Jay Molyneux of JM Dance Company, Riona Hughes, Societies Officer in NUI Galway, and more! Our official after party will be hosted in Carbon Nightclub Galway! Everyone who attends Strictly Come DanSoc will get free into Carbon that night, it will prove to be a night you won't forget! Tickets are €6 and are available from Socs Box and from the door on the night! With thanks to Miguel Maza Photo, College Bar, Hunky Moos and Socs Box.

DanSoc AGM: Other » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 14th March 2016

AGM for Dansoc

Zumba with pedro: Arts & Culture » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 15th March 2016

Silent disco style in the foyer, check out our new headphones.

Let's do a Kiki Workshop: Arts & Culture » The Space, Aras na Mac Léinn » 15th March 2016

Join Dansoc and Gig Soc to learn 'let's have a Kiki'

Free Dance Workshop: Arts & Culture » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 16th March 2016

Join us for dancing in Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer, silent disco style, free event in collaboration with Gigsoc.

Beginners Irish: Training » The Stage » 21st March 2016

Tickets available from the Socs Box for 2 euro!

Intermediate Irish: Training » The Stage » 21st March 2016

Tickets available from the Socs Box for 2 euro!

Beginners Irish: Training » The Stage » 28th March 2016

Tickets available from the Socs Box for 2 euro!

Intermediate Irish: Training » The Stage » 28th March 2016

Tickets available from the Socs Box for 2 euro!

Beginners Irish: Training » The Stage » 04th April 2016

Tickets available from the Socs Box for 2 euro!

Intermediate Irish: Training » The Stage » 04th April 2016

Tickets available from the Socs Box for 2 euro!

Beginners Irish: Training » The Stage » 11th April 2016

Tickets available from the Socs Box for 2 euro!

Intermediate Irish: Training » The Stage » 11th April 2016

Tickets available from the Socs Box for 2 euro!

Beginners Irish: Training » The Stage » 18th April 2016

Tickets available from the Socs Box for 2 euro!

Intermediate Irish: Training » The Stage » 18th April 2016

Tickets available from the Socs Box for 2 euro!

Committee 2015/2016

Vice-Auditor: Claire Sheridan

Treasurer: Lauren Wynne

Events Manager: Shannon Keane

Teachers Liaison: Jessica Watts

Public Relations Assistant: Alison Duffy

Public Relations Assistant: Melissa Morris

Varsity Co-Ordinator: Janet Forrest

Secretary: Eva Pannett

Auditor: Jonathan Carton

Production Manager: Emer Hogan

Public Relations Officer: Tara Bourke

Ordinary Committee Member: Clare Bermingham

Safety Officer: Ricky Jinks

First Year Representative: Martha Brennan

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Shannon Keane

Secretary: Eva Pannett

Treasurer: Martha Brennan

Vice-Auditor: Lauren Wynne

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	2,930.22	Bank charge	€30.20
Socs box Till	€2,928.00	Costumes	€181.15
Socs Till lodgement	€66.00	Dinner/Food	€132.82
USC Grant	€6,000.00	Entry fees	€740.00
		Equipment misc	€49.36
		Fundraising / Charity	€500.00
		Hoodies	€768.75
		Printing	€361.41
		Prizes	€50.00
		Returned Socs Money	€500.00
		Security	€132.00
		Services Hired	€430.00
		Society accomm	€1,764.00
		Society transport	€810.00
		Teacher fees	€3,860.00
		Expenditure Total	€10,309.69
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,614.53
Total	€11,924.22	Total	€11,924.22

Mission Statement

The purpose of our society is to provide NUI Galway with a platform where students can partake in many forms of dance for the first time or develop skills they may be bringing from previous training/experience. By providing this platform, we are aiding students in their demonstrations of human potential and expression while taking into account their needs, concerns and interests, thus enhancing the student experience and the infrastructure for dance creation, distribution and education.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

The main aim of this society shall be to promote all types and genres of dance among the students of NUI Galway.

- The Society will strive to foster a sense of community that is open and indiscriminate to all students, particularly newly registered members of the society
- The society will work to create a friendly relationship with other societies.
- The society should aim to compete in national varsity competitions and form a friendly relationship with other dance societies in Ireland.
- The society shall aim to provide full members of the Society with the opportunity to further develop skills in teaching and choreography.

Society Performance Reflection

Although members of our committee struggled with the resignation of our auditor, it did not take long for the society to band together and get moving on projects throughout the year. The society as a whole held dance classes each week with the only exceptions being for conferring. The society had the ability to use other venues in the college and also external classes (i.e. Pole Dance Workshop) to ensure a class was held every week. We feel that as a society it was one of our best years as we had a full and encouraging committee holding our biggest event (Strictly Come Dansoc) which saw us collaborate with core members from other societies and clubs.

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

Our main aim was achieved without a doubt, Starting the year with a dance off outside the library during Freshers' Week established our place in the university so that incoming first years, and current students, knew that we existed and knew who to look for on Socs' Day.

We welcomed many new members to our society this year that all fully enjoyed our dance classes. Many of which were part of the crews for the Intervarsity Competition. This year the society reached almost 1000 members.

The society has bonded with other colleges through the Intervarsity event with many invites to visit them during the year or for other colleges to come to us for smaller inter-collegiate events. This relationship has also been seen as we have the great honour of hosting Intervarsities in the coming 2016/2017 academic year.

Greatest Success

We have had so many successes this year that it's hard to pinpoint the best so the following is a list of some of our achievements:

- Placing third in Irish dance at Trinity Intervarsities 2016, we have not placed at inters since 2012, this is something we are incredibly proud of achieving.
- Setting up the intervarsities sub-committee (Varsity Co-Ordinator, Teachers Liaison etc.), who in turn helped run our very first crew auditions for intervarsities teams.
- Holding *Strictly Come Dansoc* our hugely successful charity event in March 2016, where we raised over €3,000 all for charity.
- Inviting Paul Killoran, Dansoc founder to attend 'Strictly Come Dansoc' to celebrate our tenth birthday as a society. This was a very sentimental moment as all the current '10th committee' took part in the celebration with Paul.

Greatest Challenge

In October 2015, our auditor stepped down from his position. It caused some distress amongst our committee and required everyone to pull together and take on bigger roles than they previously had. However, the committee worked as a team, a new auditor was elected and restored the committee back to a good, working force.

Another challenge our society faced this year was the working relationship between the committee and some of our teachers. Some heads clashed over certain area of running the society, classes and rehearsals for the All Ireland Dance Inter-Varsities Competition. However, all personal feelings were put to the side and the committee acted professionally and responsibly in fixing

these problems and these relationships for the good of the society members and a reasonable, agreed alternative was reached that worked for both the committee and the teachers.

For a brief period, some committee members did not see eye to eye on the running of the society, classes or rehearsals. Similarly to the teachers, the committee acted in the best interests of the society members and worked to fix and maintain a healthy relationship amongst the committee members to ensure our society was run to the best of its abilities.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 14 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 13 committee members.

Organisation Balance Sheet

Dansoc ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Cathal Ryan</u>	Dancer	15 hours
<u>Jessica Watts</u>	Teachers Liaison Officer	300 hours
<u>Ricky Jinks</u>	Safety Officer	140 hours
<u>Alison Duffy</u>	Public Relations Officer	30 hours
# ALIVE Students:	4 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	485 hours	

Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 968 members. 13 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Disney Society

Disney Society became inactive in November.

Disney Society Events list (6 Individual Events)

Big Hero 6! + EGM: Social » O'Flaherty Theatre » 15th September 2015

Welcome back to everyone from Disney Soc over the past years and welcome to our newest members! Our first screening of this year is Big Hero 6, its recent, so if you haven't seen it, make sure you pop in to the O'Flah and get a look, because it is AMAZING! We are also looking for some new committee members, so stay after the movie for an EGM, and become a part of one of the biggest and newest societies in NUIG! As per usual there will be free pizza and much craic to be had!

Speed dating: Social » Aras na Mac Léinn » 16th September 2015

We are taking part in multi-soc speed dating, so come along and make some new friends; you might even find your Prince Charming or beautiful princess! Venue tbc

Disney Table Quiz: Social » College Bar, Back room » 22nd September 2015

It is time to start revising, because we are having another Disney quiz, this time bigger and better than ever! There are 10 rounds, all ranging from Disney general knowledge to the brand new Marvel Universe round. Prizes for first, second, runners up and last place. There will also of course be a prize for the Best team name, so get your thinking hats on! Entry is 5EUR per person, and

you must have a team of 4 people. All proceeds go to Galway Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (GSPCA). See you there guys, it's going to be great!

Mulan!: Social » O'Flaherty Theatre » 06th October 2015

Hi guys! Join us to watch Mulan this Tuesday 7pm in the O'Flah! Free pizza and general honour on your family! Love Disney Soc

101 Dalmatians: Social » O'Flaherty Theatre » 13th October 2015

Join us for the original 101 Dalmatians! Free pizza and puppies! (Not free puppies, just puppies in general) See you there! Love

Hocus Pocus in association with Pottersoc: Social » TBC » 27th October 2015

Get set for a spooky night with the classic Hocus Pocus, with free pizza! Screening in association with Pottersoc, see you there!

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Jade McNamara

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	486.00	Bank charge	€32.51
Fundraising	€80.00	Dinner/Food	€251.95
		Prizes	€50.00
		Socs day expenses	€31.00
		Expenditure Total	€365.46
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€200.54
Total	€566.00	Total	€566.00

Mission Statement

A society for passion, imagination and creativity. A place where anybody can be whoever they dream to be.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- 1) We aim to provide a fun, interesting and light-hearted atmosphere at our events, in which our members can feel comfortable and carefree.
- 2) To spread awareness on campus of the importance of winding-down after a stressful day, where we promote the Hakuna Matata message.
- 3) To raise money for local Galway charities.
- 4) We hope to keep the spirit of Disney alive by screening weekly movies and events.
- 5) We aim to collaborate with other societies in order to expand our versatility in the types of events we hold.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 1 committee member.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 0 committee members.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 1169 members. We have not completed the end of year survey.

DJ Soc

The DJ Society in NUI Galway's primary objective is to teach people the fine art of mixing music so that they can play in pubs and clubs throughout Galway and further. This year the society reached new heights as we secured a bi-weekly/monthly night in Electric Nightclub, hosted our Christmas Party in the depths of the Kesselraum in Carbon nightclub, started a vinyl only night on Mondays, had record turnouts to Open Decks with complimentary pizza, which took place every Tuesday without fail, co-hosted a night with GMIT DJ Society in Carbon, played at inter varsity level with UL DJ Society in Crush 87, provided the entertainment for SYNAPSE Computer fair, AfroFest, SSDP Table Quiz to name just a few.

DJ Society Events list (36 Individual Events)

Open Decks: Training » Large Acoustic » 16th September 2015

DJ SOC Open Decks: Arts & Culture » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 22nd September 2015

DJ SOC Open Decks: Arts & Culture » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 29th September 2015

DJ Soc Open Decks: Social » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 13th October 2015 DJ Soc Open Decks

DJ SOC Open Decks: Arts & Culture » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 20th October 2015

DJ SOC Open Decks: Arts & Culture » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 27th October 2015

DJ SOC Open Decks: Arts & Culture » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 03rd November 2015

DJ SOC Open Decks: Arts & Culture » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 10th November 2015

DJ SOC Open Decks: Arts & Culture » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 17th November 2015

DJ SOC Open Decks: Arts & Culture » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 24th November 2015

DJ SOC Open Decks: Arts & Culture » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Léinn » 08th December 2015

DJ SOC Open Decks: Arts & Culture » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Léinn » 15th December 2015

DJ SOC Open Decks: Social » Galway, Galway City, Carbon Nightclub » 21st December 2015

DJ SOC Takeover Factory: Arts & Culture » Galway, Galway City, Factory » 11th January 2016

Open Decks: Training » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Léinn » 12th January 2016

SOCS DAY: Other » Bailey Allen Hall » 13th January 2016

Open Decks: Training » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Léinn » 19th January 2016

Open Decks: Training » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Léinn » 26th January 2016

Open Decks: Training » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Léinn » 02nd February 2016

Open Decks: Training » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Léinn » 09th February 2016

DJ SOCS TAKEOVER: Social » Limerick, Limerick, Crush 87 » 11th February 2016

UL DJ SOC has invited us along with 5 other DJ Societies to play in Crush 87 for an intervarsity competition.

DJ SOC Techno Edition: Arts & Culture » Galway, Galway City, Electric Garden » 15th February 2016

Open Decks: Training » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Léinn » 16th February 2016

Open Decks: Training » Art Room Aras an Mac Léinn » 23rd February 2016

Ableton Production Showcase: Training » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Léinn » 23rd February 2016

Open Decks: Training » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Léinn » 01st March 2016

DJ SOC vs. GMT DJ SOC: Arts & Culture » Galway, Galway City, Carbon Nightclub » 18th March 2016

The DJ Societies of NUIG and GMT come together to showcase their talents in the smoking area of Carbon.

DJ SOC Easter Party: Arts & Culture » Galway, Galway City, Electric Garden » 23rd March 2016

DJ Soc Presents: Open Decks: Training » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Léinn » 05th April 2016

DJ SOC AGM: Conference » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Léinn » 05th April 2016

DJ Soc Presents: Open Decks: Training » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Léinn » 12th April 2016

DJ Soc Presents: Open Decks: Training » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Léinn » 19th April 2016

DJ Soc Presents: Open Decks: Training » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Léinn » 26th April 2016

DJ SOC X ORIGIN Present: Lost Language: Arts & Culture » Galway, Galway City, Electric Garden » 12th May 2016

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Conor Kelly

Treasurer: Pat Walsh

Equipment Officer: Aleksander Gaida

OCM: Conor Connolly

Vice-Auditor: Eoin Murray

Secretary: Ciaran MacAn Bhaird

OCM: Chloe Greham

Committee 2016/2017

Vice-Auditor: Ciaran MacAn Bhaird

Strategic Director: Conor Kelly

Auditor: Pat Walsh

Secretary: Aleksander Gaida

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,453.53	Bank charge	€43.97
USC Grant	€1,000.00	Dinner/Food	€434.75
		Entertainment	€100.00
		Equipment misc	€335.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€6.28
		Returned Socs Money	€500.00
		Services Hired	€640.00
		Society accomm	€50.00
		Expenditure Total	€2,110.00
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€258.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€85.53
Total	€2,453.53	Total	€2,453.53

Mission Statement

To introduce new members on how to DJ, promote, perform, produce, and everything else that goes along with being a successful DJ. To promote electronic music, DJ Society, nuig, mixing music, music production, techno /house /break beats /funk /soul /disco /hip-hop /salsa /trip-hop/ electro / electronica /dub /tech house /nights out /road trips /music festivals /DJ classes /vinyl lessons / cdj lessons.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

To introduce new members on how to DJ, promote, perform, produce, and everything else that goes along with being a successful DJ. To make DJing fun and accessible to all our members, to have speakers in to explain in depth and share their intimate knowledge of this highly under-rated art form.

To bring members of the society closer together as a group, to take in as many road trips to see how DJs perform in different environments/cities/clubs/festivals

Society Performance Reflection

The society performed spectacularly. We collaborated with other societies, raised money for charity, taught new members how to DJ and gave them their first opportunities in various venues throughout the city. We gained residencies in both of the major nightclubs in the city, played with other DJ societies from all over Ireland in a club in Limerick in February.

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

Yes we flourished this year and that was due to the colossal effort put in by all the committee members. We held many successful events both on campus and off and secured residencies in two of the biggest nightclubs in the city.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was being invited down to Limerick to participate in an inter varsity competition in Limerick along with a number of other DJ Societies from all over the country.

Greatest Challenge

The greatest challenge we faced as a society definitely had to be organizing and marketing of the events we organized. Getting a venue sorted, organizing DJs to play and setting up an invite list was the main challenges.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 9 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 7 committee members.

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 449 members. 6 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Dochas Society

Dochas is a Christian society that welcomes students from all walks of life and from all denominations. We provide a safe place for people to express and grow in their faith, and a place to get to know other Christians and encourage one another. We welcome speakers each week from Galway and further afield - this year we have had speakers come from London, Belfast, Dublin and Co. Clare. We also hold regular prayer meetings and Bible studies to give our members more opportunities to develop friendships with other Christians in college and to give them a support system.

Dochas Society Events list (18 Individual Events)

First Meeting with Free Pizza: Social » Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 » 16th September 2015

Come along for the first Dochas meeting of the year! We will have a presentation on what Dochas is all about, where we'll be announcing some of our events this year & the speakers we plan to host. There will also be opportunity to get involved in the society if you are interested. Finally, there will be free pizza!

Dochas Prayer Meetings: Social » Meeting Room 1 » 22nd September 2015

Join us this Tuesday as we pray for each other, our campus, and our world! We invite anyone to join in fellowship.

Dochas Kick-Off BBQ: Social » TBC » 23rd September 2015

Get to know the members of Dochas at the kick-off BBQ, where there will be free food, music, and great people to socialize with. Please note that this event is by RSVP only, so if you plan to attend please let us know by September 21st, 2015 through messaging us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/dochassoc?fref=ts> OR emailing us at dochas@socs.nuigalway.ie

Worship Night: Social » Off Campus » 25th September 2015

This Friday night An Tobar Nua (<http://antobarnua.com/>) is hosting the first Worship Night of the year! All are welcome to join Dochas for a night of praise. This event will not be on campus - it will be held at An Tobar Nua itself. For more information about the Worship Night, please email us at dochas@socs.nuigalway.ie or send us a message on Facebook.

Dochas Prayer Meetings: Social » Meeting Room 1 » 29th September 2015

Join us this Tuesday as we pray for each other, our campus, and our world! We invite anyone to join in fellowship.

Dochas: "How to be a Christian in College": Social » Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 » 30th September 2015

Our weekly Dochas meeting where IFES (International Fellowship of Evangelical Students) worker Jeremy Haworth speaks on "How to be a Christian in College". His talk will be followed by treats, coffee/tea & socializing.

Girls Bible Study - Deeper: Social » Meeting Room 1, Aras na Mac Léinn » 01st October 2015

We're a group of girls who meet and study the Bible together and share our experiences as Christians on campus. All you girls are welcome to join us anytime!

Bacon, Eggs & Jesus: Social » An Tobar Nua » 03rd October 2015

Who doesn't love bacon? Who doesn't love eggs? Get all of that and some real talk about Jesus this Saturday at An Tobar Nua (<http://antobarnua.com/>). Dochas will be hosting a subsidized breakfast morning with speaker John Shelton to start of the day right!

Dochas Prayer Meetings: Social » Meeting Room 1 » 06th October 2015

Join us this Tuesday as we pray for each other, our campus, and our world! We invite anyone to join in fellowship.

Dochas: Regular Meeting: Social » Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 » 07th October 2015

Another weekly meeting, with some awesome speakers from London City Mission, and of course, the usual nom-noms & banter! All are welcome :)

Girls Bible Study - Deeper: Social » Meeting Room 2, Aras na Mac Léinn » 08th October 2015

We're a group of girls who meet and study the Bible together and share our experiences as Christians on campus. All you girls are welcome to join us anytime!

Dochas: "What Does It Mean to be a Christian": Social » Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 » 14th October 2015

Join us as we host Galway Baptist Church pastor Jason Post, who will be speaking on "What Does it Mean to be a Christian". If you've ever wondered what Christianity is all about, or if what Christians believe, this talk is for you. Afterwards, stick around to chat and enjoy some biscuits & tea!

Tags: first semester

Girls Bible Study - Deeper: Social » Art Room, Aras Na Mac Léinn » 15th October 2015

We're a group of girls who meet and study the Bible together and share our experiences as Christians on campus. All you girls are welcome to join us anytime!

Dochas: Is God a Psychotic Maniac?: Social » Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 » 21st October 2015

With all that goes on in our world today - migrant crises, random shootings of innocent people, and natural disasters in places that need it the least, don't you sometimes wonder why? Why is this happening? Why is it allowed? This Dochas meeting aims at answering the question "Is God a Psychotic Maniac?". Speaker Billy Hamilton will join us to tackle this topic and give better understanding of why things happen the way they do.

Girls Bible Study - Deeper: Social » Art Room, Aras Na Mac Léinn » 22nd October 2015

We're a group of girls who meet and study the Bible together and share our experiences as Christians on campus. All you girls are welcome to join us anytime!

Dochas Question & Answer Session: Social » Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 » 28th October 2015

At our Dochas Question & Answer Session our speaker will be answering the most asked question from students, which we collected at Socs Day. Treats & coffee to follow as usual!

Girls Bible Study - Deeper: Social » Art Room, Aras Na Mac Léinn » 29th October 2015

We're a group of girls who meet and study the Bible together and share our experiences as Christians on campus. All you girls are welcome to join us anytime!

Dochas IFES Trip: Social » Athlone » 30th October 2015

Join us as we go on our first IFES (International Fellowship of Evangelical Students) trip of the year! You will be able to meet Christians from all over the country & spend the weekend delving deeper into your relationship with God. Sign up now by either emailing us at dochas@socs.nuigalway.ie OR sending us a message on FB at <https://www.facebook.com/dochassoc?fref=ts>

Testimonies: Social » Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 » 04th November 2015

Various members from Dochas will be sharing their testimonies of how they came to faith in Jesus Christ as their Saviour. If you would like to share your testimony, contact us through email (dochas@socs.nuigalway.ie) or send us a message on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/dochassoc?fref=ts>

Girls Bible Study - Deeper: Social » Art Room, Aras Na Mac Léinn » 05th November 2015

We're a group of girls who meet and study the Bible together and share our experiences as Christians on campus. All you girls are welcome to join us anytime!

Bacon, Eggs & Jesus Round 2: Social » An Tobar Nua » 07th November 2015

Who doesn't love bacon? Who doesn't love eggs? Get all of that and some real talk about Jesus this Saturday at An Tobar Nua (<http://antobarnua.com/>). Dochas will be hosting yet another subsidized breakfast morning with speaker John Shelton to start of the day right!

Shoeboxes with Team Hope: Charity » Galway, Galway, Ballybane » 11th November 2015

Feeling the Christmas spirit settling in? So do we! Join the Dochas Society as we do our annual shoebox packing event with Team Hope. The shoeboxes we pack are sent to children in both African and Eastern European countries. As Team Hope puts it, your shoebox won't change the world, but it might just change the world for one child!

Girls Bible Study - Deeper: Social » Meeting Room 2, Aras na Mac Léinn » 12th November 2015

We're a group of girls who meet and study the Bible together and share our experiences as Christians on campus. All you girls are welcome to join us anytime!

Dochas: Spiritual Growth: Social » Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 » 18th November 2015

This week our speaker will be discussing Spiritual Growth, and how important it is to maintain our relationship with God regardless of the circumstances we find ourselves in. This will be our last meeting with a speaker for the year, but fear not, Dochas members are all invited to meet one last time next week to explore the Christmas Market!

Girls Bible Study - Deeper: Social » Meeting Room 2, Aras na Mac Léinn » 19th November 2015

We're a group of girls who meet and study the Bible together and share our experiences as Christians on campus. All you girls are welcome to join us anytime!

Exploring Christmas Market: Social » Galway, Galway, Galway, City Centre » 25th November 2015

It's the last gathering of the year, so let's make it a good one! Dochas will be strolling through the Christmas market this Wednesday (hopefully with something warm in hand!) and we hope you'll join us. For more information email us at dochas@socs.nuigalway.ie or pop us a message on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/dochassoc?fref=ts>

Girls Bible Study - Deeper: Social » Art Room, Aras Na Mac Léinn » 26th November 2015

We're a group of girls who meet and study the Bible together and share our experiences as Christians on campus. All you girls are welcome to join us anytime!

Bacon, Eggs & Jesus - The Finale: Social » An Tobar Nua » 28th November 2015

Who doesn't love bacon? Who doesn't love eggs? Get all of that and some real talk about Jesus this Saturday at An Tobar Nua (<http://antobarnua.com/>). Dochas will be hosting a subsidized breakfast morning with speaker John Shelton to start of the day right! This will be the last breakfast morning of the year so make sure you're there :)

Dochas Launch Meeting: Other » The Meeting Rooms » 20th January 2016

Come along to our first meeting of the semester! We'll be telling you a bit about what we've got planned for this semester, including lots of exciting events and trips. Plus, there'll be free pizza! Hope to see you there!

Dochas Meeting: Other » The Meeting Rooms » 27th January 2016

This week, we'll be watching a video by Louis Giglio called 'How Great is Our God' and thinking about how God created the whole universe but also created every little detail of the human body perfectly. Join us for this and some tea and biscuits afterwards. Also we'll be having an EGM in order to elect some new committee members and vote on changing the name of Dochas to Dochas Christian Soc.

Fill out a survey for a doughnut: Survey » Smokey's Cafe » 02nd February 2016

Come and visit us from 11am-2pm on Tuesday at Smokey's and pick up your free doughnut. Just fill out a short survey about Christianity and the doughnut is yours!

Dochas Prayer Meeting: Other » Meeting Room 2 » 02nd February 2016

Join us as we pray each week for different things happening in college, in Dochas, and around Ireland and the rest of the world. It's a great chance to come together with other Christians and think about what else is going on that we could be praying for!

Dochas Meeting: Other » The Meeting Rooms » 03rd February 2016

Have you got unanswered questions about God or Christianity? Come along to our Christianity Question and Answer session where we'll have a guest speaker to look at some of them with us! Also, there's going to be some free pizza!

Dochas Prayer Meeting: Other » Aras na Mac Léinn Meeting Room 2 » 09th February 2016

Come and join us each week as we pray for each other and for what's happening around the world. It's a great chance to meet together and think about what else is going on around us, so come along!

Dochas Meeting: Other » The Meeting Rooms » 10th February 2016

Do you hope there isn't a God? Or do you not want there to be one? Why, or why not? Come along to Dochas this Wednesday, as we take a look at this question and talk about why we, as Christians, believe there is a God. We'll have a guest speaker, some time for discussion and of course, tea and biscuits for afterwards.

Dochas Prayer Meeting: Other » Aras na Mac Léinn Meeting Room 2 » 16th February 2016

Come and join us each week as we pray for each other and for what's happening around the world. It's a great chance to meet together and think about what else is going on around us, so come along!

Dochas Meeting: Other » The Meeting Rooms » 17th February 2016

Is lasting satisfaction possible? On being asked if he had found satisfaction, Bob Geldof once said 'No, not at all. I don't know what that would mean. I am unfulfilled as a human being.' Do you think Bob Geldof is right? Can you achieve satisfaction that lasts? If so, how can you do it? Come along to Dochas to join our discussion about how God can give us satisfaction in life that lasts forever.

Dochas Prayer Meeting: Other » Aras na Mac Léinn Meeting Room 2 » 23rd February 2016

Come and join us each week as we pray for each other and for what's happening around the world. It's a great chance to meet together and think about what else is going on around us, so come along!

Dochas Meeting: Other » AC215 » 24th February 2016

Blind faith? Can you believe in what you can't see? Typically, we see only what we want to see and believe what we want to be true. Do you believe in what you can't physically see? This week, we're looking at how people believe in God without seeing him, and why others find it hard to believe in things we can't actually see.

Dochas Prayer Meeting: Other » Aras na Mac Léinn Meeting Room 2 » 01st March 2016

Come and join us each week as we pray for each other and for what's happening around the world. It's a great chance to meet together and think about what else is going on around us, so come along!

Dochas Meeting: Other » The Meeting Rooms » 02nd March 2016

This week our speaker is John McCarthy, who runs the surf school in Lahinch. He's going to share with us about what God has done in his life and how he's used his work to tell people about Jesus, so come along and find out more!

Dochas Prayer Meeting: Other » Aras na Mac Léinn Meeting Room 2 » 08th March 2016

Come and join us each week as we pray for each other and for what's happening around the world. It's a great chance to meet together and think about what else is going on around us, so come along!

Dochas Meeting: Other » The Meeting Rooms » 09th March 2016

Dead man walking - Why is death scary? Are you scared of death? Do you shy away from talking about it? Come along this week as we look at why people don't like talking about death and how God can take away that fear and give us something better.

Dochas Prayer Meeting: Other » Aras na Mac Léinn Meeting Room 2 » 15th March 2016

Come and join us each week as we pray for each other and for what's happening around the world. It's a great chance to meet together and think about what else is going on around us, so come along!

Dochas Meeting: Other » The Meeting Rooms » 16th March 2016

Are we good enough for God? Ever feel like you aren't good enough? This week, we'll be looking at why people feel this way and also how we can be assured that God loves regardless of what we do, and how we can be good enough for God.

CU Conference: Conference » Dublin, Dublin, King's Hospital » 18th March 2016

We are attending a CU conference in Dublin for the weekend with all other CU's in Ireland.

Dochas Prayer Meeting: Other » Aras na Mac Léinn Meeting Room 2 » 22nd March 2016

Come and join us each week as we pray for each other and for what's happening around the world. It's a great chance to meet together and think about what else is going on around us, so come along!

Dochas Prayer Meeting: Other » Aras na Mac Léinn Meeting Room 2 » 29th March 2016

Come and join us each week as we pray for each other and for what's happening around the world. It's a great chance to meet together and think about what else is going on around us, so come along!

Dochas Prayer Meeting: Other » Aras na Mac Léinn Meeting Room 2 » 05th April 2016

Come and join us each week as we pray for each other and for what's happening around the world. It's a great chance to meet together and think about what else is going on around us, so come along!

Dochas Meeting: Other » AC215 » 06th April 2016

What would it take to convince you to change your mind about God and what you believe in? Why can people be resistant to questioning and changing the beliefs they hold? Come along as we look at these questions and see for yourself what it's all about.

Dochas Prayer Meeting: Other » Aras na Mac Léinn Meeting Room 2 » 12th April 2016

Come and join us each week as we pray for each other and for what's happening around the world. It's a great chance to meet together and think about what else is going on around us, so come along!

Dochas Meeting - AGM: Other » The Meeting Rooms » 13th April 2016

Join us for our AGM this week, when we're going to elect our new committee for next year! Interested? Send us an email and we'll give you all the details!

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Kerry McCallum

Treasurer: James Shovelin

PRO: Alicia Wei Jen Goh

Vice-Auditor: Laura Culhane

Secretary: Michael Hamilton

OCM: Alesia Yarmak

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Kerry McCallum

Vice-Auditor: Laura Culhane

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	-9.25	Bank charge	€0.17
USC Grant	€2,000.00	Dinner/Food	€409.66
		Entry fees	€385.00
		Gifts	€55.88
		Materials	€188.01
		Society transport	€59.00
		Socs day expenses	€70.27
		Speaker accomm	€25.21
		Speaker travel	€4.75
		Expenditure Total	€1,197.95
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€792.80
Total	€1,990.75	Total	€1,990.75

Mission Statement

Our Dochas mission statement is to unite people on campus, both Christians and non-Christians, by sharing the gospel, getting to know other students on campus and reaching out to those who have a desire to learn more about God and Christianity.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Our aim for Dochas this year is to share Jesus with everyone on campus, both Christians and non-Christians, by building up relationships with people and reaching out to those who don't know God.

Society Performance Reflection

As a society, we held weekly meetings with a local speaker. We also held regular prayer meetings and Bible studies. We held events where we could reach out to other students on campus, who maybe didn't know anything about God.

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

We achieved our goals of sharing Jesus with people on campus through various events we had. We also provided a place for student to develop relationships with other people, through our weekly meetings and through one-off events we held, such as weekends away with other Christian groups in Ireland.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success would be organising a student survey which we held in February. We gave out short questionnaires to students and gave out free doughnuts once completed. This was a great success as it gave us a chance to reach out to fellow students and talk to them about Dochas and what we believe.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge as a society was making our name known on campus. We would have liked to have had more people know about Dochas and come along to our meetings.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 5 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 6 committee members.

Dochas Society ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Kerry McCallum</u>	Auditor	50 hours
<u>Michael Hamilton</u>	Secretary	50 hours
<u>Alesia Yarmak</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	45 hours
<u>Alicia Wei Jen Goh</u>	Public Relations Officer	30 hours
# ALIVE Students:	4 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	175 hours	

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 191 members. 5 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Draiocht

Draiocht is a student run charity. We have established an orphanage home in Talamarang, a small village high in the mountains of Nepal and we send volunteers out to help every year. In 2013, we linked with a charity "The Olive Branch for Children" in Tanzania. The main objective of "The Olive Branch for Children" is to help remote communities in Tanzania assess their primary needs and establish programs that target the most vulnerable.

This year Draiocht won the best Civic and charity Society both in NUI Galway and in Ireland at the BICS Awards. We organised multiple fundraisers for each of these charities. 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), Halloween Fancy Dress party (all our volunteers dressed up in their scariest outfits and raised awareness and much needed funds), a Christmas Movie Night (volunteers watched Elf during study week to help calm the nerves before exams) Hell&Back in Wicklow (members and volunteers did this tortuous 12km in aid of Draiocht and fundraised at least 50euro with sponsorship cards), a table quiz (in college bar which brought volunteers together to get to know each other before heading off for the summer), and many many bake sales!!

As well as this, we had a visit from the amazing Deborah McCracken Nangereke. This incredible lady set up our sister charity "The Olive Branch for Children". She gave a truly inspirational talk on her work in Tanzania. We also had a visit from the fantastic Melanie Hennessy. This lady is the wonderful founder of Draiocht society and Team Nepal. She gave a phenomenal talk on her work in Nepal to all of our Nepal volunteers.

This year, our committee put an insane amount of work into promoting and fundraising both of our charities. We were delighted to be recognised on a national level, when we won The Best Society in a Civic and Charity Field at the Board of Irish College Society awards 2016!

Furthermore, we have updated our website. It now allows volunteers to apply online with the application forms and avoids the hassle of paper forms and is now very efficient. This year, we focused a lot of our attention on updating all off our policies, including Health & Safety, Anti-Bullying, Risk Management, Insurance and Financial Policy. We have continued with our Nepali and Tanzanian cultural and language classes which prepare our volunteers before they going abroad.

This year, we have also calibrated with many societies, including Disney Society, Law Society, Enactus NUIG and Feminist Society.

We have had our AGM on the 19th of April this year. This is to ensure that we will have a committee who are ready and experienced in September.

Draíocht Society Events list (18 Individual Events)

DRAIOCHT AGM: Other » CONCOURSE » 22nd September 2015

AGM to elect new committee members for the upcoming year. Everyone welcome. Great opportunity to get involved in volunteering abroad.

Bake Sale with a Natural Twist: Health & Lifestyle » Bailey Allen Hall » 05th October 2015

To raise awareness for Global week and Mental health week Draiocht are hosting a bake sale with a twist. All treats will be homemade from natural ingredients and will be gluten free, dairy free and refined sugar free! So for all of you who think you're too sweet for bake sales you have no excuses! Draiocht are all for diversity, sustainability, being kind to the planet and promoting positive mental health so do come along! All funds will be going to our program's in Tanzania and Nepal! #littletings

Volunteer Meeting: Other » AC202, NUIG Concourse. » 06th October 2015

An information meeting for anyone interested in volunteering in Nepal and Tanzania this summer. A chance to talk to previous volunteers and an opportunity to get involved themselves. We will also be discussing all our plans for the year, including one of our most exciting events "Hell and Back". Free pizza will be provided.

Hypnotist Michael McCoy: Charity » O'Flaherty theatre, The Concourse » 14th October 2015

Draiocht are hosting the wonderful Michael McCoy once again for another night of mind-blowing mystery. Tickets are five euro. All funds raised go toward community based projects in both Tanzania and Nepal. Ranging from orphanage construction to school scholarships to health care.

Volunteer Meeting: Charity » AC215 » 27th October 2015

Talk with volunteers hoping to travel to Tanzania or Nepal in Summer 2016. Garda vetting forms will be explained and completed by all volunteers. Tickets for our Halloween Event on Thursday the 29th will be given out also

Draíocht's Halloween Extravaganza: Social » Galway, Galway City, Seven Bar » 29th October 2015

Draíocht are getting festive this Autumn and hosting our very own Halloween night of antics! Fancy dress themed (of course?!) the fun will be kicking off at 8.30pm in the main bar at SEVEN and then scooting on to Electric for a wee boogie at around 12. Tickets will be on sale later on this week and will be available in the SocsBox as well as from any of our lovely committee members/volunteers. Tickets are €6 and include admission into SEVEN, complimentary finger food and free admission into Electric :) We will also be offering a prize to the best dressed guy/gal! The more creative, the better! So get those thinking caps on boys and ghouls ;) As always, all our funds will be going towards our community based projects in both Tanzania and Nepal (The Olive Branch for Children and TEAM Nepal). Extremely worthwhile causes so make your best witches brew for a fantastically frightening evening! Your Ghosts, Draíocht P.S. Namaste ♥ XOXO

Talk from Deborah McCracken: Charity » AC204 » 11th November 2015

Deborah McCracken Nangereke, the incredible lady who set up our sister charity The Olive Branch for Children will be doing a talk on her work in Tanzania.

Hell & Back Information Night: Charity » Ac203 » 17th November 2015

Anyone who is interested in taking part in Hell & Back on January 31st 2016 in aid of Draíocht is encouraged to come along to this meeting. Information involving transport and deposits will be discussed.

International AIDS Awareness Day: Charity » Áras na mac Léinn - Table A at Smokies » 01st December 2015

In aid of International AIDS awareness day, we will be selling beautiful items made by the amazing Massai women of Tanzania. Items including wonderful scarves, key chains and jewellery. All proceeds will go to these Massai women. This money empowers these women to live independently and provide for their children. They can send their daughters to school, and provide medical care for their families.

Watch Elf with Draíocht!: Charity » Galway, Galway, Seven » 02nd December 2015

Yes, that dreaded week we like to call 'study week' is looming. Cramming a whole semester into one week isn't a whole lot of fun so we at Draíocht are granting all of ye some mid-week motivation! We will be showing one of the best loved Christmas movies (Elf) in Seven on Wednesday the 2nd of December. There will be lots of popcorn provided as well as a little bit of pre Christmas cheer! So do come and join us! Tickets are 5 euro and will be available from the committee members and volunteers! All funds delivered straight towards our projects in Nepal and Tanzania!

Volunteer Meeting: Charity » AC202 » 19th January 2016

We are having a mandatory meeting for all volunteers hoping to go to Nepal or Tanzania this summer. We'll be sorting through Garda vetting forms so make sure ye all have a list of all your previous addresses. After the meeting, we will be having an informal group chat with all volunteers. This is a chance for us all to get to know each other and find out where everyone would like to go and during what month (nothing to worry about!) Anyone who is partaking in Hell and Back with us this year must also come to the meeting. We will be organising the bus and giving out sponsorship cards. We will also be collecting the 50 euro fee, so those of you have not paid yet please bring this along.

Comhlamh Meeting: Charity » AM207 » 27th January 2016

We are having a meeting for all volunteers on Wednesday the 27th at 7pm in Arts Millennium room 207. The meeting will be held by the wonderful Lorraine Tansey, the Student Volunteer coordinator of the Community Knowledge Initiative. We will be discussing Comhlamh which is an organisation open to anyone interested in social justice, human rights and global development issues. We strongly advise that all volunteers attend this meeting.

Hell and Back 2016: Charity » Wicklow, Bray, Kilruderry house and gardens » 31st January 2016

"HELL & BACK, Ireland's Toughest Mental & Physical Endurance Challenge, is the country's largest and most popular obstacle course run. 10-15km trail route crossing rivers and lakes, climbing hills and mountains and crawling through bogs and swamps. To survive, you must conquer all the elements thrown at you, whether that is the temperamental weather conditions, the gruelling natural environment or the torturous man-made obstacles." Four years later, the Draíocht crew continue to brave the elements in order to raise the much needed funds! Sponsorship cards, transport and banter all provided! If you think you can brave this challenge for such a good cause, sign up :) 50 euro deposit :) invite friends and such that you also think would also be interested

Bake Sale: Charity » Engineering Building » 09th February 2016

The big binge, get your sugar and chocolate hit before lent, home baked goodies for a good cause. Draiocht sends volunteers to Nepal and Tanzania.

Culture and Language Class: Charity » AC202 » 01st March 2016

This meeting is for all of our volunteers who are travelling to Nepal. It is an introduction to their culture, some do's and don'ts and a little bit of the local language. It is very important that you make it to this meeting.

Table Quiz in calibration with Femsoc!: Charity » College bar » 10th March 2016

Our wonderful Hannah Egan and volunteer Rachel Kelly is teaming up with Femsoc to put on a charity table quiz! All funds will go to Tanzania and Nepal. Prizes from Brown Thomas, Jack Jones, Java, Chilli shack and many more! Come along and show your support!

Culture and Language Class: Charity » AC202 » 15th March 2016

This meeting is for all of our volunteers who are travelling to Tanzania. It is an introduction to their culture, some do's and don'ts and a little bit of the local language. It is very important that you make it to this meeting.

Draiocht AGM: Charity » AC202 » 19th April 2016

It's that time of year again in which we elect our new incoming committee for 2016/2017! On the evening the 19th of April at 7pm, Draiocht will be hosting our Annual General Meeting in room AC202. This is your opportunity to nominate yourself and your friends for positions on this committee for the next academic year. All members of Draiocht are encouraged to attend to vote and help elect the new committee. The positions available are as follows: Co-auditor, Co-auditor, Secretary, Treasurer, Comhlamh Officer, Event co-ordinator, Event co-ordinator, PRO, Volunteer co-ordinator, OCM, OCM

Committee 2015/2016**Auditor:** Siabhra Medley**Vice-Auditor:** Sarah O'Connell**Events Co-ordinator:** Lucia Byrne**Public Relations Officer:** Hannah Egan**Volunteer Co-ordinator:** Rebecca Dillon**OCM:** Thomas Duignan**Treasurer:** Grainne Keehan**Secretary:** Eimear Kelly**Events Co-ordinator:** Orla McGee**Volunteer Co-ordinator:** Fiona Murphy**Comhlamh:** Rebecca Smyth**OCM:** Ciaran MacChoncarraige**Committee 2016/2017****Auditor:** Hannah Egan**Secretary:** Megan Hastings**Treasurer:** Cameron Keighron**Organisation Balance Sheet**

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€64,474.23	Bank charge	€182.31
Fundraising	€14,712.19	Dinner/Food	€443.50
Members Contributions	€300.00	Entry fees	€2,080.00
Socs box Till	€2,761.00	Fundraising / Charity	€16,064.90
Socs Till lodgement	€60.00	Garda Vetting	€195.00
Sponsorship	€128.27	Printing	€492.65
Ticket Sales	€1,515.00	Expenditure Total	€19,458.36
USC Grant	€1,000.00	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€1,023.00
Total	€84,950.69	Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€65,492.33
		Total	€84,950.69

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 €300 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, nights out 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 hope to give sufficient help for earthquake relief in Nepal. This was a devastating natural disaster that not only affected the children's home in Talamerang but the whole country. We hope to continue our help with first line relief as well as begin rebuilding homes and schools.

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. In order to do this successfully we continue keep our social media platforms constantly updated, mainly our website.

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

This year, I feel we have done very well as a committee. We were honoured to receive the award for Best Society in a Civic and Charity Field at the Board of Irish College Societies awards 2016. Here, all of our hard work was recognised and we received huge publicity for Draíocht.

In April of last year, Nepal was hit by an earthquake, destroying our brand new children's home in Talamarang. Through our emergency fundraising events we managed to raise 80,000 euro for our partner TEAM Nepal. Initially, that money has been used to provide emergency healthcare, shelter and food and water to thousands of people. Throughout this year, it has been used for the reconstruction of our children's home. Throughout this year, we have managed to raise over 8000 euro through our many fundraising events. This number will increase as each of our volunteers will raise at least 300euro each before leaving for the summer.

This summer, we are sending out 19 volunteers to Tanzania and 11 volunteers to Nepal. This is definitely the biggest group yet to be sent to Tanzania so we are very proud of that.

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

We achieved many of our aims and goals this year. we organised numerous fundraising events throughout the years such as shows, sponsored races, nights out and bake sale. Each of these raising awareness and much needed funds for each of our charities. Each of our members got involved in these events, by selling tickets, getting sponsorships and giving up their time. We have also given sufficient help for earthquake relief in Nepal, we raised over 80,000 in emergency funding. This year we used this to rebuild homes and schools.

This year we updated our website and created many facebook events and pages. In this way we were able to raise awareness of Draíocht and more importantly, the charities we work with.

As a committee, I feel we each individually achieved our goals. We worked together as a team and developed many skills along the way. As well as that, we are delighted to say that we each made many new friends.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success this year is winning the award for the Best Society in a Charity and Civic Field at the Board of Irish College Societies Awards 2016. Here, our success as a student run charity was recognised at a national level. Our committee, our members and our volunteers could not be more proud. This event gave us huge publicity and raised a huge amount of awareness for Draíocht.

Greatest Challenge

This year our greatest challenge was promoting volunteering in both Nepal and Tanzania. After the earthquake, many people were sceptical and fearful of travelling abroad in order to volunteer. However, at the end of the year, we can proudly say that we are sending out 19 volunteers to Tanzania and 11 volunteers to Nepal.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 12 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 11 committee members.

Draiocht ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Niall Hanley</u>	Volunteer	8 hours
<u>Tara Garman</u>	Fundraiser, Volunteer	5 hours
<u>Jessica Richter</u>	Volunteer	30 hours
<u>Rachel Kelly</u>	Volunteer & Fundraiser	50 hours
<u>Thomas Duignan</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	100 hours
<u>Hannah Egan</u>	Public Relations Officer	300 hours
<u>Rebecca Smyth</u>	Volunteer	90 hours
<u>Ciaran MacChoncarraige</u>	OCM	27 hours
<u>Eimear Kelly</u>	Secretary	150 hours
<u>Sarah O'Connell</u>	Vice-Auditor	232 hours
<u>Jack Fitzgerald</u>	Volunteer	5 hours
<u>Christina Lyons</u>	Volunteer	5 hours
<u>Orla McGee</u>	Event Coordinator	100 hours
<u>John Ivory</u>	Volunteer	25 hours
<u>Fiona Murphy</u>	Volunteer Coordinator	500 hours
<u>Niamh O'Connor</u>	Fundraiser	4 hours
<u>Dervla Potter</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Rebecca McKinney</u>	Volunteer	5 hours
<u>Lucia Byrne</u>	Events Co-ordinator	50 hours
# ALIVE Students:	19 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	1696 hours	

Other Information

We held 25 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 234 members. 9 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Dramsoc

This year has been a big year for Dramsoc culminating in hosting the Irish Student Drama Awards (ISDA's). The Committee spent the year striving to improve the society and in doing so we implemented some new systems as well as put on some terrific events.

New Systems:

This year we implemented 5 new systems. These are: Front of House, live minuting, more defined description of production roles, a new submission form and we implemented more assistant/shadowing roles in order to teach new people the roles. These systems have helped the society to run smoother both in relation to the plays as well on the admin side. They have also helped train new people to be able to be involved with dramsoc next year.

Plays:

This year we put on 7 plays, almost 60 percent were original plays written by students/staff of the college. The plays were: RAG, Beauty Queen of Leenane, Veronica Broderick, Someone Who'll Watch Over Me, Vincent, New Electric Ballroom and The Drowned Calf. Each of these plays were well produced and enjoyed by many. In fact three of the 5 eligible (the last two were not due to timing) have gone on to be in the Irish Student Drama Award festival.

Workshops and Events:

We put on many workshops and events this year, many of which happened during the ISDA fringe. From the Dramsoc version of Socs day to our production roles workshops we held a lot of great workshops which helped people to learn what its like to be involved in Dramsoc. We also held some great events such as the Drums halloween party and the Drag night during the ISDA fringe.

ISDAs:

This year Dramsoc was the host of the national student drama awards festival. It was on from the 14-23 of March and featured 15 plays from colleges around the country. This festival of student drama comes with its own set of problems, mainly how to run a functioning society while also preparing for it. Our solution was to set up a sub-committee in charge of both setting up ISDAs and the fringe. We won Best Production for 'Someone Who'll Watch Over Me' and Best Actor for Dylan McCormack.

Block R

This year we finally got our replacement shed, in the form of Block R. This new facility makes set making a lot easier and with a rehearsal room and a costume room we don't have to worry as much about getting space/losing material due to lack of space. Prop and set storage has remained at the library store.

Dramsoc Society Events list (100 Individual Events)

Freshers' Double Bill Auditions: Arts & Culture » The Meeting Rooms » 15th September 2015

The Freshers' Double Bill (2 plays, available to *Dramsoc Freshers only) Auditions: 1-4pm, Tuesday (14th), Meeting Rooms, Aras Na Mac Leinn. "Pints?", 20 minute play directed by Richard Brown "Where for art Thou Bae", 10 minute play directed by Paul O' Mahony *Dramsoc Fresher: in this instance it is someone who has never performed in a Dramsoc production

Dramsoc Drama Gala: Arts & Culture » Aras na Mac Leinn » 15th September 2015

Here's the plan. Tuesday (15th) - Meet & Greet, in the View, 7-8pm Tuesday (15th) - Staged & Confused (Improv Workshop), in the View, 8pm Wednesday (16th) - Auditions for plays, 3-7pm, Aras Na Mac Leinn Wednesday (16th) - Dramsoc Production Talk (Q&A on production roles, or anything else Dramsoc), BOI Theatre, 8pm Thursday (17th) - Auditions for plays, 3-7pm, Aras Na Mac Leinn Thursday (17th) - Stage Makeup Workshop, BOI Theatre, 8pm First Semester Plays: "RAG", a Dramsoc original written and directed by Kevin Murphy "The Beauty Queen of Leenane", directed by Robbie Walsh "Veronica Broderick", a Dramsoc original written and directed by Declan Jones' "Someone Who'll Watch Over Me", directed by Jonathan Ryan The Freshers' Double Bill (2 plays, available to Dramsoc Freshers only) Auditions: 1-4pm, Tuesday (14th), Meeting Rooms, Aras Na Mac Leinn. "Pints?", 20 minute play directed by Richard Brown "Where for art Thou Bae", 10 minute play directed by Paul O' Mahony

Dramsoc Auditions 2015: Arts & Culture » Aras na Mac Leinn » 16th September 2015

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Stage Makeup Workshop: Arts & Culture » Bank of Ireland Theatre » 17th September 2015

Try your hand at stage makeup with the help from our talented members who have done the hair and makeup for previous Dramsoc productions, such as GHOSTS, 1984, On Raftery's Hill and Time Stands Still. Models and makeup will be provided!

Odds & Ends: Arts & Culture » The College Bar » 17th September 2015

This is our open mic night where you can showcase your talents in a casual and friendly atmosphere! All members are welcome!

EGM: Other » The Stage » 22nd September 2015

We are looking to fill the following roles: -First Year Rep-ISDA Rep-ISDA Director

"Pints?" and "Wherefore Art Thou Bae?": Arts & Culture » BOI Theatre » 30th September 2015

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RAG: Arts & Culture » BOI Theatre » 13th October 2015

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Stage and Confused: Arts & Culture » Meeting Room 1, Aras na Mac Leinn » 14th October 2015

A bit of improv, watch / participate have fun.

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Directing workshop: Arts & Culture » BOI Theatre » 20th October 2015

CALLING ON ALL DIRECTORS! Oh do we have a treat for you guys. Come join us for an amazing workshop full of exciting talks from special guests, demonstrations and much more (Basically everything you need to be the next Spielberg!) This one is a must for all you aspiring directors out there!!

Beauty Queen of Leenane: Arts & Culture » BOI Theatre » 27th October 2015

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Dramsoc Auditions: Vincent: Arts & Culture » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 12th January 2016

Written and Directed by Daniel Cronin. A dark comedy set in an old charity shop in Galway, where two women come to terms with the death of a mutual loved one, who was both one's brother and the others lover. Hoping that a day back at work will help distract them from their grief, the events of the day will test their emotions, leaving both women to confront their true feelings.

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Dramsoc Auditions: Vincent: Arts & Culture » Áras na mac Léinn - The Stage » 14th January 2016

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Dramsoc EGM: Arts & Culture » Meeting Room 1, Aras na Mac Leinn » 26th January 2016

Dramsoc needs a new member for the team, and that means you have the opportunity to do a vital service for our society and become a major member of our committee, the ISDA Representative. The ISDA Rep is the liaison between NUIG Dramsoc and the other societies involved with the festival. They represent NUIG at regular ISDA meetings and update the Dramsoc committee on the workings of the festival. They also assist the Director in certain aspects of the festival. If you are organised, assertive, and a good communicator please come to our EGM, as you are perfect for the role. The EGM will take place in meeting room 1 of Áras na Mac Léinn at 6pm, we hope to see you there!

Dramsoc Drama Fair: Arts & Culture » BOI Theatre » 04th February 2016 A fair to show all the sides of dramsoc

Staged and Confused: Arts & Culture » Meeting Rooms » 09th February 2016

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Vincent: Arts & Culture » BOI Theatre » 15th February 2016

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Dramsoc EGM - Looking for Costumes Manager: Arts & Culture » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 16th February 2016

Dramsoc are in need of a new costumes manager. The costumes manager supervises the costume design for each show, making sure everything runs smoothly. The costume manager builds and maintains a stock of costumes, loaning them out to shows when requested. If you are passionate about clothing and organised you'll be perfect for the role. The EGM will take place at 5.30pm on the 16th of February in the Stage, Áras na Mac Léinn

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Vincent: Arts & Culture » BOI Theatre » 18th February 2016

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Staged and Confused: Arts & Culture » The Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn » 23rd February 2016

NUIG Dramsoc's weekly Improv session

Monday B.C. rehearsed reading: Arts & Culture » BOI Theatre » 24th February 2016

A rehearsed reading of Shane Gaffney's original play 'The Monday B.C.'. This work of art is directed by Dramsoc's own Denis Haugh. The show will be followed by a Q&A session to provide feedback on the shows writing and suggestions how it could be staged and produced. If you are interested in writing or any aspect of production this is an event for you. Synopsis: God has an image problem; he's smiting too much and is losing believers to the Roman and Greek gods. A new prophet is coming up, and so veterans Moses, Isaiah and Ezekiel are summoned to a boardroom in a last ditch attempt to save both Judaism and themselves from their own incompetence. The show will take place this Wednesday at 8pm in The Bank of Ireland Theatre.

TROLL 2 - Interactive Food Fun Party/ Pre-Oscars Acting Appreciation Night: Other » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 25th February 2016

The worst and therefore most entertaining movie ever made. Come along for some food, fun and vegetarian goblins!

Staged and Confused: Arts & Culture » Meeting Rooms » 01st March 2016

NUIG Dramsoc's weekly Improv session

New Electric Ballroom: Arts & Culture » BOI Theatre » 01st March 2016

Ballroom: Set in an Irish coastal village propped up on it's fishing industry, 'The New Electric Ballroom' shows us the lives of three sisters who live stunted lives, overburdened by memories of their past. Clara and Breda in turn take us through re-tellings of a long-passed teenage night. They bring us through their fervent preparation for the evening ahead and their eventual journey, leaving their dull, small-life village behind and heading to the Ballroom in the next town over, The New Electric. What happens

that evening, the fleeting passion and almost romance, leaves the two separately heartbroken and silently humiliated. Decades later they are still so preoccupied by this night that they can do nothing but re-tell their tale and re-live their destruction. Ada, twenty years younger than her sisters, lives under the shadow of her sisters' past tragedy. She cycles daily from her lonely job to their isolated existence at home. Ada joins her older sisters in reliving their past and their mistakes, mistakes which she herself has never had the chance to make. The three are alone except from the occasional interruption from a local fishmonger, Patsy, a man who is haunted not by some horror in his past but by the unbearable prospect of living in the present, and a crippling fear of daring to have a future. All four have conditioned themselves into withdrawal in order to protect themselves and their hearts. In the end a few of them see that exposing themselves to heartbreak might be their only escape. The New Electric Ballroom was first presented in English by Druid in 2008. This production won an Edinburgh Fringe First, Best New Play and Best Supporting Actor at the Irish Times Theatre Awards, as well as praise the world over.

New Electric Ballroom: Arts & Culture » BOI Theatre » 02nd March 2016

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New Electric Ballroom: Arts & Culture » BOI Theatre » 03rd March 2016

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New Electric Ballroom: Arts & Culture » BOI Theatre » 04th March 2016

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Staged and Confused: Arts & Culture » Meeting Rooms » 08th March 2016

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ISDA (Irish Student Drama Association) Festival: Arts & Culture » BOI Theatre » 14th March 2016

It's coming close to that time of year again, the annual ISDA Festival! The Irish Student Drama Association (commonly referred to as ISDA) is the umbrella organisation of Ireland's most prolific third-level drama societies. The highlight of the ISDA year is the association's annual theatre festival and award ceremony – a 10-day-long festival in which all member societies may display their shows and compete. This year the festival will be hosted by NUI Galway with participants from universities in Dublin, Maynooth, Cork, Belfast and more. From the 14th of March ISDA will be occupying some amazing theatres across Galway City, such as The Mick Lally Theatre (Druid Theatre), our very own Bank of Ireland Theatre and An Taibhdhearc to name but a few. If you are interested in volunteering at this year's festival please email isdafest16@gmail.com. We will accept as many volunteers as possible as we'll need help with Front of House, tech, set, postering, events etc. Any NUI Galway student can volunteer at the festival. If alumni wish to lend a hand please do not hesitate to email us! Get ready for a hectic 10 day theatre extravaganza! Be sure to check out the website <http://theisdafestival.com/> for updates!

ISDA Fringe: Selfie Hunt: Arts & Culture » Galway, Galway City, All around Galway » 14th March 2016

The aim is to get a selfie at all the following locations: The coach station An Taibhdhearc Spanish Arch Roisin Dubh Eyre Square Fountain Mick Lally Theatre The Galway Docks Yellow Statue Galway Cathedral Nuns' Island Theatre Pizza Napoli The Quadrangle***Bonus points: Find the smokies pigeon***

StarKid Theatre Panel: Arts & Culture » Bailey Allen Hall Aras na Mac Leinn » 14th March 2016

Brian Holden and Meredith Stepien of the famous Starkid Theatre company chat with us about their experiences in devising theatre, the theatre industry and touring. StarKid is a student-created theatre production troupe formed in Ann Arbor, Michigan, founded in 2008 by theatre students at the University of Michigan. Since their first show, A Very Potter Musical, was released on YouTube, videos of the troupe's productions have gained millions of views.

ISDA Fringe: Volunteers' Social: Arts & Culture » BOI Theatre » 14th March 2016

A small get together for our volunteers before the festival gets into full swing. Meeting asking questions and confirming schedules. Then the option of going to see 'Freak' in Nun's, and drinks after.

Freak A TCD production for ISDA: Arts & Culture » Galway, Galway City, Nuns island » 14th March 2016

Leah practises her cum face. She feels like a freak. Georgie doesn't need to practise hers. People already think she's a freak. ALL MEAT, ALL SEX, ALL VULNERABLE, ALL POWERFUL. How's your sexual experience going? Tickets 5/8

Staged and Confused: Arts & Culture » Meeting Rooms » 15th March 2016

NUIG Dramsoc's weekly Improv session

The Women of the Rising: The Untold Stories: Arts & Culture » Aras ui Cathaill, NUI Galway » 15th March 2016

Hosted by Cumann Staire, Feminist Society and Drama Society NUI Galway with Special Guest: Caitriona Clear a Senior Lecturer in the Department of History NUIG and playwright Gerry Conneely. We all know the story of the 1916 rising and the patriots who gave their lives for Ireland, what many of don't know however is the stories of the women of the rising. In this centenary year we present an evening in praise and recognition of the role of women in the rising. The women who played a significant role in the events which changed our history but whom history forgot. The evening will form part of the NUI Galway ISDA Theatre Fringe Festival panel discussion series. Guest on the evening will be playwright Gerry Conneely whose radio play 'The Gifford Girls' is due to be broadcast on the Keith Finnegan show on Galway Bay FM for Easter Week and is funded by the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland with the television licence fee. The play tells the story of The Gifford sisters from a protestant family in Rathfarnham. According to playwright and Director Gerry Conneely '1916 rising was the seminal event in the establishment of the Irish State. Most of us know the actual events of the rising, itself, and its tragic climax. However little is known of the men themselves and practically nothing is known of the women at the centre of the event. The production sets out to turn the traditional treatments on their head. While dealing accurately with the events it looks in depth at the mood and atmosphere of the city during the years leading up to the rebellion.' The play is produced by Iaro Productions and producer Róna Hughes and members of the cast will be present on the evening to participate in the discussion. The event will feature some extracts from the play, audio and video interviews with women recounting their experiences during the rising. Joining the panel will be Caitriona Clear a Senior Lecturer in the Department of History NUIG. She is a founder member of the Women's History Association of Ireland and the author of several books on nineteenth-century Irish women's history and social history generally.

ISDA Fringe: Woman in History Panel Discussion: Arts & Culture » Aras ui Cathaill Lecture Theatre » 15th March 2016

A panel discussion organised by Róna Hughes, exploring the woman of the 1916 Rising, with a special focus on Theatre. With Special Guest: Caitriona Clear a Senior Lecturer in the Department of History NUIG and playwright Gerry Conneely.

ISDA Fringe: 24 Hour Theatre: Arts & Culture » Bailey Allen Hall » 16th March 2016

Meeting in HQ at noon on Wednesday, they will be given props, photos and costume and will devise their own theatre piece to be performed on the 17th at 12.30pm on the Stage in HQ. Rehearsal space will be provided and we will all go out and celebrate St. Patrick's Day in style after.

Mercury fur a TCD production for ISDA: Arts & Culture » BOI Theatre » 16th March 2016

Elliot is panicking. The party that he and his brother Darren have been planning has been brought forward - to tonight. In a lawless, ravaged city, where memories of the past have been brutally erased, the boys and their team survive by realising their clients' darkest fantasies. But just how far are they prepared to go in trading humanity for information? As the light fades and events spiral

Out of control it be ones learn that on the success of the evening hangs not just their security, but their existence. The world is at its worst? Let the party begin. Tickets 5/8

The Great Push: Arts & Culture » Galway, Druid Lane, Mick Lally Theatre » 16th March 2016

The Great Push by Patrick McGill Mick Lally Theatre Foyer (Druid) 16th March at 6.30pm The Great Push is the original and the greatest anti war classic, written with the clarity and authority of a man who stepped into the abyss and lived to tell the tale. Gerry Conneely's performance captures the humanity and pathos of Magill and his comrades who went over the top on the 25th of Sept 1915. The action takes place over the 24th and 25th of September, the day before and the day of the battle. The story follows the experience of seven young men as they make their way from their billet in the village of Bethune, their night in the trench and their, early morning assault on the German positions. Much of The Great Push was written in situ, in the trenches, immediately before and immediately after the battle. Patrick McGill's writing betrays the deep vulnerability he is feeling. It contains a truth and an authenticity that only the threat of imminent death can produce. This truth is manifest in his sudden reversions to his Glenties vernacular, the extraordinary detail of his descriptions, the tone of his conversations and the vivid character portraits of his fellow soldiers. There is the real sense that none of this is being made up. It simply couldn't be.

RAG an NUIG production for ISDA: Arts & Culture » Galway, Galway City, An Taibhdhearc » 16th March 2016

RAG is an original play written and directed by Kevin Murphy. RAG tells a tale full of drunken debauchery about 5 students over 5 days of Rag week in Galway. Brian is planning on making this the most exciting week ever for his merry band. Tensions arise as the week progresses and the perfect night becomes nothing more than a fantasy for the group. It tackles issues such as: academic life, social status and the effects of alcohol abuse. The play is relatable to all sorts of students. RAG is written by a student, for students. "This city of culture, of art and of music is laying down and begging us to go rampant over the week. A week where college empties and nightclubs burst. We are going to conquer Galway city! CHEERS!" Tickets 5/8

ISDA Fringe: Troll 2: Arts & Culture » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 16th March 2016

A showing of Troll 2

Dinner with Joe a Queen's University Belfast production for ISDA: Arts & Culture » Galway, Galway City, An Taibhdhearc » 18th March 2016

This is the story of America... New York, 1953. The Red Scare grips the United States, and no-one feels safe. Except Joe. He has more important things to think about. Like his job, and Connie. There is a clash of two Titan ideologies, capitalism and communism, and the struggle consumes everything. But Joe doesn't want to get involved. He just wants to ignore politics, ignore everything else and focus on his life. But Connie won't let him. She has brought the whole struggle into their home, into the heart of their relationship. Everything is about to change, and Joe will be forced to question everything he previously thought safe. Tickets 5/8

Orestes 2.0 a Maynooth University production for ISDA: Arts & Culture » Galway, Galway City, Nun's Island » 18th March 2016

Set six days after Orestes has murdered his mother in revenge for her murdering his father, Orestes 2.0 is a modern take on an ancient tragedy. A play focusing on the fragile nature of interpersonal relationships - morals, masturbation, murder and cigarettes. Tickets 5/8

Doubt a Maynooth University production for ISDA: Arts & Culture » BOI Theatre » 18th March 2016

Doubt is an interesting battle of wits between a strict, staunch nun and a revolutionary likable priest, over an allegation thrown out that has serious ramifications for all involved. In the middle of all this is a naive nun who is challenged internally for the first time in her early career. Each character must confront his or her own faiths and doubts, as everything they know about certainty, is challenged. Tickets 5/8

ISDA Fringe: Army of Darkness: Arts & Culture » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 18th March 2016

A showing of Army of Darkness

ISDA Fringe: Afro Fest feat African Caribbean Soc: Arts & Culture » Bailey Allen Hall Aras na Mac Leinn » 18th March 2016

African Caribbean culture, food, music, fashion and art. Tickets 10 from the socs box

ISDA Fringe: Murder Mystery Interactive Show: Arts & Culture » BOI Theatre » 18th March 2016

Become Sherlock for a night. Investigate a murder mystery with ISDA. An interactive mystery solving night with performances from Dramsoc members

Delkany Ploy a Queen's University Belfast production for ISDA: Arts & Culture » The Cube, Aras na Mac Leinn » 19th March 2016

A play which focuses on one man's pursuit of true love in the face of almost certain death. Delkany has returned from exile in America. He has returned for love. Specifically the love of his childhood sweetheart and quasi-adoptive sister Julia. The only problem is she's already getting married, to the heir of the most powerful criminal family in the country. If Delkany wants to keep his life he must make sure the wedding goes off without a hitch, If Delkany wants to keep his love he must destroy her wedding day. Tickets 5/8

DUCK a UCD production for ISDA: Arts & Culture » Galway, Galway City, Nun's Island » 19th March 2016

Cat's got big feet and her boyfriend calls her Duck. Cat's also got:- A middle-aged lover who drinks and writes books- a brainy best friend with a short fuse- A boyfriend with a nightclub, a gun and some unfinished business. But which of these threads will she follow? Cat and Sophie are teenagers on the brink, growing up in the face of everything a city can throw at them. But girls just wanna have fun. And you can't learn to be good when your elders are no longer your betters - Somehow the girls must cope - or find a way of escaping. Tickets 5/8

Someone Who'll Watch Over Me an NUIG production for ISDA: Arts & Culture » Galway, Galway City, Mick Lally Theatre, Druid Lane » 19th March 2016

An Irishman, an Englishman and an American are being held hostage by terrorists in a Lebanese cell. However, while the ever-present possibility of death looms over them, it becomes clear that the men's true trial is to support and endure one another, through whatever reality presents itself. Featuring last year's ISDA Best Actor award winner Dylan McCormack, *Someone Who'll Watch Over Me* challenges our idea of coping with trauma and the ethics of how we do so with joy, despair and black humor. Tickets 5/8

Staged and Confused Improv Night: Arts & Culture » Bailey Allen Hall » 19th March 2016

A fun interactive workshop with NUIG's Staged and Confused improv group. Play improv games and get to know one another

Misterman a Queen's University Belfast production for ISDA: Arts & Culture » The Cube, Aras na Mac Leinn » 20th March 2016

"Nobody's listening. Nobody's listening. Nobody's listening. Nobody's listening." Thomas Magill is on a solo crusade against the immortality that has infected his lovely Inishfree. Timmy O'Leary's uncleanness. Dwain Flynn's profanity. Charlie McAnerny's immodesty. Mrs Cleary's indecency. These are only a few of the sins that have begun to infect his town and Thomas has taken it upon himself to scourge Inishfree of these ungodly diseases. There is, however, one deadly sin that Thomas himself has yet to take care of... Tickets 5/8

Punk Rock a UCD production for ISDA: Arts & Culture » BOI Theatre » 20th March 2016

In an upper class grammar school just outside of Stockport, seven "sixth-formers" are preparing for their mock-A Levels and nearing the end of their school lives. Plagued with their own uncertainties and sexual anxieties, Punk Rock is a fast paced drama examining fear, violence and its viral spread among the troubled youths. Tickets 5/8

Secret garden a TCD production for ISDA: Arts & Culture » Galway, Galway City, Nuns island » 20th March 2016

When a group of cousins are sent to their grandmother's house for the summer holidays they aren't best pleased. The house is old and scary and their grandmother is... Well, pretty old and scary too! They find a copy of *The Secret Garden* and to entertain

themselves they begin to read. But as they lose themselves in the story, they start to realise how it touches their own lives..Tickets 5/8

ISDA Fringe: Drag Night: Arts & Culture » Bailey Allen Hall » 20th March 2016

A night of Drag makeup, hair, costume and lip-sync battles. Even if you don't dress up come for pizza and music.

Little Gem a UCC production for ISDA: Arts & Culture » Galway, Galway City, An Taibhdhearc » 21st March 2016

Little Gem is the story of three generations of women through an extraordinary year in their lives. The play follows Amber, Lorraine and Kay through some of the most traumatic and profound experiences of their lives and presents an honest and hilarious view of life in Dublin, Ireland.Tickets 5/8

Beauty Queen of Leenane an NUIG production for ISDA: Arts & Culture » BOI Theatre » 21st March 2016

The Beauty Queen of Leenane' is written by Martin McDonagh, tells the story of Maureen, a plain, lonely, middle-aged woman, who lives with her elderly mother, Mag. Maureen's sisters have flown the nest, escaping the drab family home, leaving Maureen trapped in a dysfunctional relationship with her overbearing mother. Maureen wishes to escape to a new life. So, when Ray brings news that his brother Pato is home from England, Maureen realises she may have found her escape route, but with her mother Mag adamant on her remaining in Leenane, can Maureen really find a way to leave?Tickets 5/8

ISDA Fringe: Aladdin Sing-a-long: Arts & Culture » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 21st March 2016

A sing-a-long to aladdin

ISDA Fringe: Pop up Theatre: NUIG Freshers Play: Arts & Culture » Bailey Allen Hall » 21st March 2016

A pop up theatre event with our NUIG Freshers.

Butterfly Kiss a UCC production for ISDA: Arts & Culture » The Cube, Aras na Mac Leinn » 21st March 2016

Butterfly Kiss is a play about matricide. From her jail cell, Lily summons up her past: a vivid collage of cross-fades and flashbacks, which reveals aspects of her experience cumulatively, not chronologically, thus throughout the play unfolds the story of her life - and her crime - through shifting and mesmeric scenes, her interlaced memories revealing the psychosexual tangle of her childhood and the events that led up to her trial. Scenes change in a matter of seconds, and many a time both the past and present are played on stage at the same time. Her relationships are chronicled in hard-edged scenes, all leading in an impossible multiplicity of ways, to the terrible truth of what she has done to her mother. Mature themes. Strictly over 18's.Tickets 5/8

ISDA Fringe: Silent Disco: Arts & Culture » The College Bar » 21st March 2016

You can't get more Galway Than this event. A good old silent disco. Headphones and Tunes provided

Nothing to Declare a UCD production for ISDA: Arts & Culture » Galway, Galway City, Nun's Island » 22nd March 2016

Two strangers meet unexpectedly in a university theatre based in Dublin. They are both observers, people who have uprooted and left behind a community, culture and a part of their identity. They are not watching intently learning how to integrate and adapt to their new environment. Nothing to Declare is a devised piece of universal themes including migration, the clash and merger of cultures, social status, individuality and community and grounded in the interwoven stories of real people.This play is a collaborative project, based on interviews of people who have migrated to a new city, country or continent. Tickets 5/8

Staged and Confused: Arts & Culture » Meeting Rooms » 22nd March 2016

NUIG Dramsoc's weekly Improv session

Exit the King a DIT production for ISDA: Arts & Culture » BOI Theatre » 22nd March 2016

Exit the King, a drama by French absurdist Eugene Ionesco, is directed by fourth year contemporary music student Fintan Lawlor. The sun is late. The cows aren't producing milk. The heathers are broke. The kingdom is in decline, the solar system is falling apart, and the King is dying.Tickets 5/8

Odds and Ends, open mic night: Arts & Culture » College Bar, Back room » 22nd March 2016

A fun open mic night. Its open to any sort of performance, whatever your party trick may be do come along.

ISDA Ball 2016: Social » Galway, Galway, Ardilaun Hotel, Taylors Hill » 23rd March 2016

The Awards Ceremony Ball for the end of the ISDA Festival 2016. Wine Reception at 7pm, and Dinner at 8pm. Venue: Ardilaun Hotel, Galway

Staged and Confused: Arts & Culture » Meeting Rooms » 29th March 2016

NUIG Dramsoc's weekly Improv session

DramSoc AGM: Arts & Culture » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 04th April 2016

An AGM to elect next year's DramSoc Committee.

Staged and Confused: Arts & Culture » Meeting Rooms » 05th April 2016

NUIG Dramsoc's weekly Improv session

Drowned Calf: Arts & Culture » BOI Theatre » 11th April 2016

Dramsoc's last production of the year is taking place next week. The Drowned Calf is an original play set in rural Ireland. Watch the inner workings of a family unfold as love, hate and heartbreak push them to the edge. The play is written and directed by the talented David Mc Enroe. 'The Drowned Calf' shows 8pm Monday 11th - Thursday 14th, and 8pm Saturday 16th in the Bank of Ireland Theatre. Tickets are €8 or €5 and can be bought at the Socs Box or at the door on the night.

Staged and Confused: Arts & Culture » Meeting Rooms » 12th April 2016

NUIG Dramsoc's weekly Improv session

Staged and Confused: Arts & Culture » Meeting Rooms » 19th April 2016

NUIG Dramsoc's weekly Improv session

Committee 2015/2016

ISDA Representative: Roisin Eyres

Secretary: Aisling McGing

Public Relations Officer: Jarlath Owens

Events manager: Shane Gaffney

Head of Sets: Anna Fanning

Head of Costumes: Eibhleann Caffrey

ISDA Director: Oryana Farrell-Hickey

Public Relations Assistant: Oisín O'Heartain

Auditor: Jack Scullion

Treasurer: Kevin Murphy

Student Development Officer: Richard Brown

Head Technician: Marie Hegarty

Stage Management Officer : Niamh Butler Thornton

Vice-Auditor: Dara O'Donnell

Productions Co-Ordinator: Niamh N

First Year Representative: Meadhbh Lyons

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Niamh N

Secretary: Zita McLaughlin

PRO: Connor Curran

Events/SDO: Eibhleann Caffrey

First Year Rep: Cathal Ryan

Head Technician: Daniel Philip Cronin

Head of Properites: Naoise O'Beirn

Vice-Auditor: Kate O'Mahony

Treasurer: Jack Fitzgerald

PRA: Shane McCormick

Productions Officer: Adrienne Walsh

ISDA Rep: Sarah O'Rourke

Head of Sets: Eleanor O'Malley

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,629.36	Ball	€120.00
Bank Charge	€2,522.45	Bank charge	€85.07
Ecommerce Sales	€226.00	Costumes	€609.40
Socs box Till	€5,438.00	Entertainment	€1,201.44
Socs Till lodgement	€670.00	Equipment misc	€20.00
Sponsorship	€3,522.45	Euros	€9,746.72
Ticket Sales	€160.00	Hall hire	€900.00
USC Grant	€13,000.00	Hoodies	€601.86
Total	€27,168.26	Lights	€293.09
		Makeup/Props	€572.65
		Materials	€36.98
		Performing rights	€1,923.10
		Printing	€15.60
		Promotions	€60.00
		Received Money Returned	€1,052.00
		Services Hired	€147.00
		Set	€1,253.17
		Teacher fees	€640.00
		Expenditure Total	€19,278.08
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€2,560.18
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€7,657.98
		Total	€26,936.06

Mission Statement

Dramsoc is a home for all theatre goers, makers and lovers and a platform for their theatrical experimentation and development.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

For 2015/2016 we aim to push Dramsoc to the limits of professionalism, art, inclusion and enjoyment. Having a new scenic and costume space will allow us to expand on our production skills and get more people involved in the design and construction. We are also hosting ISDAs this year and we are working hard to make it as joyous an experience for all students involved as it has been for us in previous years. We also aim to continue to bring the quality of our productions upwards and gain more recognition for all the hard work we do at ISDAs.

Society Performance Reflection

Our soc did fantastically, we put on many shows, as well as an intervarstiy. Loads of workshops and events and had a enerally very busy year.

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

We put on many plays, helped people get involved in drama and put on a national drama awrads festival.

Greatest Success

ISDAs

Greatest Challenge

ISDAs

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 16 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 16 committee members.

Dramsoc ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Jack Scullion</u>	Auditor, Scenic Design & Construction, ISDA Logistics Manager, ISDA Venue Manager.	1800 hours
<u>Niamh N</u>	Ordinary Committee Member, Actor, Make Up	1400 hours
<u>Siobhan Jordan</u>	Production teams	50 hours
<u>Dara O'Donnell</u>	Vice Auditor	1800 hours
<u>Alex Murphy</u>	Costumes	50 hours
<u>Adrienne Walsh</u>	Set Designer, Volunteer	175 hours
<u>Meadhbh Lyons</u>	Representative	400 hours
<u>Michael Murphy</u>	Events Officer (ISDA Committee)	400 hours
<u>Sarah Slevin</u>	Stage Manager	180 hours
<u>Jarlath Owens</u>	Public Relations Officer	400 hours
<u>Aisling McGing</u>	Secretary	650 hours
<u>Kevin Murphy</u>	Treasurer, Writer, Director, Actor	1300 hours
<u>Aisling Ni Dhonnchadha</u>	Costumes coordinator	120 hours
<u>Diarmuid Tierney</u>	Actor	35 hours
<u>Martina Tierney</u>	Volunteer	110 hours
<u>Conor Duggan</u>	ISDA Representative, Treasurer, Stage Crew, Costumes, Music	500 hours
<u>Sarah O'Rourke</u>	Volunteer	250 hours
<u>Jemma Gunning</u>	ISDA Volunteer	35 hours
<u>Marie Hegarty</u>	Head Technician	1000 hours
<u>Mark Fitzgerald</u>	Actor	70 hours
<u>Mary Teahan</u>	Volunteer	500 hours
<u>Doireann Nic Dhonncha</u>	Head of Costumes, Stage Manager	281 hours
<u>Jonathan Ryan</u>	Director, Sound Designer	800 hours
<u>Zita McLaughlin</u>	Volunteer	350 hours
<u>Niamh Butler Thornton</u>	Stage Management Officer	425 hours
<u>Eibhleann</u>	Head of Costumes	250 hours

<u>Caffrey</u>		
<u>Davin McGowan</u>	Volunteer	150 hours
<u>Shane Egan</u>	Actor	300 hours
<u>Jack Fitzgerald</u>	Treasurer, Volunteer	250 hours
<u>Oryana Farrell-Hickey</u>	ISDA director, stage manager	1550 hours
<u>Richard Brown</u>	SDO, Venue Manager, Front of House, Stage Manager, Director, Set Design and Construction, Audience	1500 hours
<u>Oisín O'Heartain</u>	Public Relations Assistant	650 hours
<u>Cathal Ryan</u>	Actor, Production Crew, Volunteer	350 hours
<u>Caitriona Brennan</u>	Cast Member	70 hours
<u>Anna Fanning</u>	Head of Sets	640 hours
# ALIVE Students:	35 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	18791 hours	

Other Information

We held 23 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 865 members. 15 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Enactus

Enactus NUI Galway is a group of students from a wide variety of disciplines of study, possessing an entrepreneurial spirit and passion for innovation who, alongside the assistance and guidance of our Business and Faculty Advisory Board, develop sustainable projects within the community with the primary aim of benefiting society. There are ten groups nationwide, making up the Enactus Ireland competition, Enactus NUI Galway being one and the other nine groups are made up of third level institutions across Ireland.

The yearlong process finally culminates in a presentation held at the Chartered Accountants of Ireland in Dublin in May, where all groups showcase the projects that they have implemented and developed over the previous months leading up to the presentations in front of leading Business figures in industry. The winning group goes through to the international competition to not only represent their university but represent their country at the international Enactus final which will be held this year in Toronto in October 2016.

Enactus gives students the chance to make a real and sustainable change within society and wider area by utilising the entrepreneurial spirit which they hold while gaining valuable experience and gaining the guidance and expertise of key Business figures within industry.

Enactus Society Events list (5 Individual Events)

Information Evening: Seminar » ENG G047 (Ground Floor Engineering Building) » 14th September 2015

An event to explain to new members what Enactus is, we will outline our achievements from the previous year and our plans for this year.

Enactus 101: Training » To be announced » 15th September 2015

Enactus Ireland are hosting an information event to outline further their role in Enactus's organisation

BAB Meeting: Seminar » ENG 3052 » 15th September 2015

The executive committee will meet with their academic and business advisory board.

EGM: Seminar » ENG G047 (Ground Floor Engineering Building) » 23rd September 2015

Officially electing new members to the Enactus Committee. Please register your interest at one of our information evenings or by emailing enactus@socs.nuigalway.ie

EXPLORE Brainstorming Session: An Enactus Twist: Seminar » ENG 3034 » 12th October 2015

Enactus NUI Galway are proud to host, in partnership with Entre Soc, a brainstorming session ahead of the EXPLORE deadline of the 20th of October. It will be an interactive event with leaders from business and academia there to stimulate discussion and nurture ideas. We hope to see you all there and hope you can bring some innovative ideas with you.

Committee 2015/2016**Auditor:** Orlagh Reynolds**Treasurer:** Leanne Burke**Student Advisor:** Billy Delaney**Secretary:** Kira Burke**Project Consultant & OCM:** Shaun Henson**Ordinary Committee Member:** Megan Fahy**Vice-Auditor:** Michael Lennon**Community Liaison Officer:** Ciaran Gallagher**Public Relations Officer:** Caroline O'Shea**Sponsorship Officer:** David Aston**Ordinary Committee Member:** Lei Cai**Ordinary Committee Member:** Danielly Ferreira Oliveira de Paula**Committee 2016/2017****Auditor:** Orlagh Reynolds**Secretary:** Kira Burke**Organisation Balance Sheet**

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	312.26	Bank charge	€31.82
Fundraising	€1,712.68	Equipment misc	€635.00
Members Contributions	€250.00	Fundraising / Charity	€1,212.68
USC Grant	€3,700.00	Materials	€951.30
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€498.50
		Printing	€241.00
		Prizes	€100.00
		Services Hired	€500.00
		Society accomm	€695.00
		Society transport	€835.00
		Expenditure Total	€5,700.30
		Cash In Hand	€2.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€272.64
Total	€5,974.94	Total	€5,974.94

Mission Statement

Enactus is a community of students committed to using the power of entrepreneurial action to transform lives and shape a better more sustainable world.

Entrepreneurial—initiating business ideas and solutions with passion and innovation.

Action—the experience of sustainable impact, activated with integrity.

Us—student, academic and business leaders collaborating to create a better world.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

To work effectively together as a team, respecting issues of diversity and equality. To develop partnership and co-operation with the community sector and assess community needs To create and promote projects as a means of addressing the social, environmental and economics needs of community. Ultimately put in place structures aimed at achieving social change that will contribute to the creation of a more just, sustainable and equal society.

Society Performance Reflection

Our society achieved a lot this year. 3 successful projects were run this year, CARA, The Wallflower Initiative and Headstarts. More members were recruited than any previous year.

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

Yes, we achieved the following objectives:

To work effectively together as a team, respecting issues of diversity and equality

To develop partnership and co-operation with the community sector and assess community needs

To create and promote projects as a means of addressing the social, environmental and economic needs of community.

Ultimately put in place structures aimed at achieving social change that will contribute to the creation of a more just, sustainable and equal society.

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.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 12 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 0 committee members.

Enactus		
<u>Shaun Henson</u>	Project Consultant & OCM	48 hours
<u>Kira Burke</u>	Secretary	40 hours
<u>Jessica Richter</u>	Project Leader	10 hours
<u>Ciaran Gallagher</u>	Community Liaison Officer	35 hours
<u>Elaine Higgins</u>	Project Leader, Committee Member	120 hours
<u>Danielly Ferreira Oliveira de Paula</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	63 hours
<u>Ciara Cremin</u>	Volunteer with The Wallflower Initiative	25 hours
<u>Billy Delaney</u>	Student Advisor	240 hours

<u>Caroline O'Shea</u>	Public Relations Officer	30 hours
<u># ALIVE Students:</u>	9 student	
<u># Hours Volunteered:</u>	611 hours	

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 474 members. 1 committee member has completed the end of year survey.

Energy Society

The purpose of the Energy Society is to bring students together who have an interest in all things to do with energy to work together and to arrange events displaying energy in the world and all topics that are current.

This year our society was involved in a number of events. We had the success of the opening soc's day where we collected 414 members to follow with us in the academic year 2015/2016. A lot of interest was shown to the society from all courses which was really positive.

The next event that took place was the Triple E was organised together with the Entrepreneurship and the Engineering Society. This event focused on Entrepreneurship, Engineering and Energy with special guest speakers to talk about these topics on the night. It also allowed students to speak with the guests after and learn about what they do over light refreshments.

This year Energy Society took on a bid to bring the International Student Energy Summit to Galway. This is the largest congregation of students interested in energy in the world. A lot of hard work, and dedication was put into trying to win this bid, and we caught the interest of many major companies and energy leaders in Ireland who wanted to support us. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in securing the bid but we were short-listed in the top three candidates. That in itself is a credit to all the hard work and help we received from the University and fellow students.

Each year Energy Soc organises a European trip, In early January 2016 the energy society travelled to Amsterdam for the annual society trip. The highlight of this trip was the day visit to TU Delft. The Energy Society were shown the Pr-Loger, an energy neutral house renovation built entirely by students and is modelled on a Dutch row house in the vicinity. Applying a 'skin' over the existing house, the south facing wall is fitted with a greenhouse and solar panels, in contrast to the northern faced wall which is insulated in order to retain heat which is generally lost due to it being the cooler side of the house. Similar to the NUI Galway Engineering Building, this construction is a living laboratory, allowing visiting students to observe these technologies in practise. The main highlight of the tour was the Dream Hall, a concept unthinkable to an Irish Engineering Student, truly like a dream. We walked around the dream hall and were left truly astonished by the students' projects. As well as TU Delft trip, the society did a lot of sightseeing. We walked around the beautiful city of Amsterdam and took a boat trip down the canals. On the second last day of our stay we visited the Heineken museum, this was a great experience. Overall we had an excellent trip to Amsterdam. We thanked the TU Delft Energy Club and in particular Manos Lyrakis, Sjoerd Moorman and Natalia Aleksandrova because they truly made our visit to TU Delft and the Netherlands unforgettable.

Each year Energy Society hosts Ireland's largest and longest-running student-run energy event, Energy Night. This year the event examined Ireland's energy dependency and our future energy mix.

This year we provided an even more topical discussion looking to the future of Irish Energy.

Energy Night 2016, "Ireland's Energy Dependency and our Future Energy Mix" • discussed the current situation of energy in Ireland and what our future will look like. As there is a current shift towards more renewable energy, what will become of our largest CO2 emitter "Moneypoint Power Station in Co. Clare?"

A "Careers in Energy" seminar was held with several speakers from major companies such as Dell, Accenture, ESB, and Medtronic who deliver presentations on their current projects and various employment opportunities in Galway and in Ireland.

A poster competition on the theme of "Engineering, Technology and Science: Shaping our Future"

took place in the atrium of the Engineering Building and was open to all undergraduate and postgraduate students.

The evening's main event was a fascinating panel discussion which featured speakers with backgrounds across the spectrum of energy generation including Nuclear, Wind, Electricity and Biofuels.

Energy Society Events list (16 Individual Events)

Energy Soc EGM: Other » Eng 2002 » 29th September 2015

Energy Soc Meeting: Conference » Engineering Building Room 2052 » 20th October 2015

Hey guys, our meeting for Energy Soc to discuss and brainstorm upcoming events such as Energy Night, our trip to The Netherlands and any other events that we'll be hosting throughout the year will be on Tuesday, 5pm in ENG 2052 just after the International Student Energy Summit meeting. New members are welcome as always! :)

ISES Meeting: Conference » Engineering Building Room 2001 » 21st October 2015

Weekly meeting on Wednesdays at 6pm in Eng 2001 to organize our bid to have the International Student Energy Summit 2017 in Ireland . Anyone who wants to get involved in the world's largest student led energy conference is more than welcome to come along and share ideas. We have a really good chance of getting to host it here in Ireland and it is a fantastic opportunity to meet new people. Hope to see you there :) x

Energy Soc Meeting: Conference » Engineering Building Room 2052 » 27th October 2015

Hey guys, our meeting for Energy Soc to discuss and brainstorm upcoming events such as Energy Night, our trip to The Netherlands and any other events that we'll be hosting throughout the year will be on Tuesday, 5pm in ENG 2052 just after the International Student Energy Summit meeting. New members are welcome as always! :)

ISES Meeting: Conference » Engineering Building Room 2001 » 28th October 2015

Weekly meeting on Wednesdays at 6pm in Eng 2001 to organize our bid to have the International Student Energy Summit 2017 in Ireland . Anyone who wants to get involved in the world's largest student led energy conference is more than welcome to come along and share ideas. We have a really good chance of getting to host it here in Ireland and it is a fantastic opportunity to meet new people. Hope to see you there :) x

Energy Soc Meeting: Conference » Engineering Building Room 2052 » 03rd November 2015

Hey guys, our meeting for Energy Soc to discuss and brainstorm upcoming events such as Energy Night, our trip to The Netherlands and any other events that we'll be hosting throughout the year will be on Tuesday, 5pm in ENG 2052 just after the International Student Energy Summit meeting. New members are welcome as always! :)

ISES Meeting: Conference » Engineering Building Room 2001 » 04th November 2015

Weekly meeting on Wednesdays at 6pm in Eng 2001 to organize our bid to have the International Student Energy Summit 2017 in Ireland . Anyone who wants to get involved in the world's largest student led energy conference is more than welcome to come along and share ideas. We have a really good chance of getting to host it here in Ireland and it is a fantastic opportunity to meet new people. Hope to see you there :) x

Energy Soc Meeting: Conference » Engineering Building Room 2052 » 10th November 2015

Hey guys, our meeting for Energy Soc to discuss and brainstorm upcoming events such as Energy Night, our trip to The Netherlands and any other events that we'll be hosting throughout the year will be on Tuesday, 6pm in ENG 2052

ISES Meeting: Conference » Engineering Building Room 2001 » 11th November 2015

Weekly meeting on Wednesdays at 6pm in Eng 2001 to organize our bid to have the International Student Energy Summit 2017 in Ireland . Anyone who wants to get involved in the world's largest student led energy conference is more than welcome to come along and share ideas. We have a really good chance of getting to host it here in Ireland and it is a fantastic opportunity to meet new people. Hope to see you there :) x

Energy Soc Meeting: Conference » Engineering Building Room 2052 » 17th November 2015

Hey guys, our meeting for Energy Soc to discuss and brainstorm upcoming events such as Energy Night, our trip to The Netherlands and any other events that we'll be hosting throughout the year will be on Tuesday, 6pm in ENG 2052

ISES Meeting: Conference » Engineering Building Room 2001 » 18th November 2015

Weekly meeting on Wednesdays at 6pm in Eng 2001 to organize our bid to have the International Student Energy Summit 2017 in Ireland . Anyone who wants to get involved in the world's largest student led energy conference is more than welcome to come along and share ideas. We have a really good chance of getting to host it here in Ireland and it is a fantastic opportunity to meet new people. Hope to see you there :) x

Energy Soc Meeting: Conference » Engineering Building Room 2052 » 24th November 2015

Hey guys, our meeting for Energy Soc to discuss and brainstorm upcoming events such as Energy Night, our trip to The Netherlands and any other events that we'll be hosting throughout the year will be on Tuesday, 6pm in ENG 2052

ISES Meeting: Conference » Engineering Building Room 2001 » 25th November 2015

Weekly meeting on Wednesdays at 6pm in Eng 2001 to organize our bid to have the International Student Energy Summit 2017 in Ireland . Anyone who wants to get involved in the world's largest student led energy conference is more than welcome to come along and share ideas. We have a really good chance of getting to host it here in Ireland and it is a fantastic opportunity to meet new people. Hope to see you there :) x

Energy Night: Seminar » ENG G017 » 02nd March 2016

Energy Night 2016 Ireland's Energy Dependency and Our Future Energy Mix. Next Wednesday the 2nd at 17:00. Engineering Building The agenda for the evening will be: 17:00 - Careers event 18:00 - Poster Competition, Networking and Refreshments 19:00 - Main Panel Discussion. For the careers event at 17.00 we have the following companies presenting: Microsoft, ESB, Accenture, Medtronic and many more... Come along to hear about placement and graduate opportunities! Suitable for all disciplines. The poster competition will be open to all university undergraduate and postgraduate students and the theme is Engineering Technology and Science, Shaping Our Future. We have secured four experts various energy sectors for the panel discussion at 19.00: Moderator: Dr. Rory Monaghan NUI, Galway Biofuels: Dr. Henry Curran NUI, Galway. Electricity: John Casey, ESB Nuclear: Denis Duff, BENE Wind: Brian Dawson, IWEA Looking forward to seeing you all Wednesday!

Energy Society AGM: Conference » Room 2001, Engineering Building » 05th April 2016

Hi All, The Energy Society's AGM takes place this coming Tuesday evening, the 5th April, at 7pm in ENG-2001. We had a successful year this year with Energy Soc: Our Energy Night 2016 proved to be bigger and better than ever, and the committee's trip to Amsterdam left us with some great memories. If you would like to be part of next year's committee, here is your opportunity! This is a great chance to join an exciting and growing society where you can gain great experience, meet some new people, and make useful connections with professionals and students alike. The following positions are up for grabs: Auditor, Secretary, Treasurer, PRO, Events Officer, Speaking Convener, 3rd Year Representative, 2nd Year Representative. Looking forward to seeing ye there! Energy Soc x

Energy Night Committee Celebration Dinner: Social » Galway, Galway City, High Cafe » 18th May 2016

Hi all, We shall be having our annual energy night celebratory din dins for committee members and energy night volunteers at the High Cafe, at 8.30 pm. Much love, The Energy Society ex oh ex oh

Committee 2015/2016

Vice-Auditor: Caoimhe Nally

Treasurer: Lee-Ann Coughlan

Events Officer : Conor O'Flaherty

Speaking Convener: Laura Dennehy

2nd Year Rep: Conor Deane

Ordinary Committee Member: Liam Conway

Auditor: Sarah Callaghan

Secretary: Meadhbh Conlan

PRO: Niamh Kennedy

3rd Year Rep: Adam Wynne

Careers Event Organiser: Kate Kerrane

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Kate Kerrane

Secretary: Niamh Kennedy

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,552.04	Bank charge	€68.08
Socs box Till	€2,420.00	Dinner/Food	€231.00
USC Grant	€2,000.00	Entertainment	€268.50
		Gifts	€100.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€523.90
		Printing	€84.00
		Prizes	€350.00
		Promotions	€150.00
		Society accomm	€1,525.00
		Society transport	€1,469.58
		Speaker travel	€317.47
		Expenditure Total	€5,087.53
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€884.51
Total	€5,972.04	Total	€5,972.04

Mission Statement

To promote energy among the student body of NUIG and to host events that facilitate learning, debating and discussion of energy topics and issues.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

To improve upon the success Energy Night has been for the past few years.

To increase member size and interest.

To host more small scale events throughout the year.

To successfully bid to bring the International Student Energy Summit to Galway in 2017.

Society Performance Reflection

Overall, Our society had a successful year. With a great team working together it allowed us to organise great events and get as involved as possible in the college events throughout the year. With the main event being Energy Night, it was a huge success and we were so glad to receive such good feedback from both students and staff.

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

Most importantly, Energy Night was one of our main aims to improve its overall standard from the last few years and it was a great success on the night.

Although we failed to bring the International Student Energy Summit to Galway. We worked hard to put together a great bid with loads of collaboration with the college and local businesses but were unfortunately unsuccessful.

The trip to Amsterdam was also a great success both for enjoyment and education.

Greatest Success

Energy Night, This was a great success as we had speakers in from all different industries concerning energy which allowed for an interesting and exciting debate. The careers talk hosted world renowned companies such as ESB, Accenture and Dell. It allowed students to come along and listen to what each company entails and allowed time for the discussion with the guests afterward.

Greatest Challenge

The biggest challenge for the society was ensuring we maintained or surpassed the success of our previous committee members and ensured we represented the Energy Society in the best way possible. Thankfully, as results of having a great team this was achieved and surpassed which was a great accomplishment going forward.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 13 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 8 committee members.

Energy Society ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Niamh Kennedy</u>	Public Relations Officer	30 hours
<u>Sarah Callaghan</u>	Auditor	150 hours
<u>Lee-Ann Coughlan</u>	Treasurer	50 hours
<u>Laura Dennehy</u>	Speaker Convener	60 hours
# ALIVE Students:	4 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	290 hours	

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 410 members. 7 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Eng Soc

The Engineering Society acts as a gateway for students to get more involved in college, meet new interesting people, create memories and partake in numerous events throughout the year. It gives students the opportunity to get involved in activities which they would never get the chance to beforehand.

Academically, the society actively promotes engineering and STEM careers by hosting talks within the college. These talks involve inviting Ireland's bright minds to share their journey to becoming successful. Placement talks help students understand what to expect before being integrated into the working world.

Throughout the year we host numerous different events within the college. For example, our annual black-tie ball is one of the largest social events on our university's calendar with upwards of 1,200 people in attendance.

Charitable events throughout the year prove as a great help to local charities, with Console, a suicide awareness charity, benefiting from our work in the previous two academic years.

We also plan educational trips both abroad and within Ireland. These trips are a great way for people to get to know each other. Trips to Limerick and Cork in the previous two years have brought the society as a whole closer together and these trips have proven to improve team spirit and morale. Partaking in activities like Tough Mudder again brings the society closer together and

this trip within Ireland again help raise funding for Console.

The society acts as a welcoming path for people to integrate themselves into a society without having any specific hobby and proves as a great source of networking for future work.

Eng Society Events list (18 Individual Events)

EGM: Other » Engineering Building Room 2001 » 23rd September 2015

Hi All, The EngSoc's annual EGM will take place next Wednesday the 23rd of September at 6pm, in the engineering building, room 2001. Committee positions are still available, so if you are interested in getting involved, come on down to have a chance of being elected. We'll talk briefly about our upcoming events and there will be free pizza for all in attendance! EngSoc

Trip to Cork: Social » Cork, Cork, Cork » 16th October 2015

We'll be leaving Galway on Friday morning & going paintballing & karting before checking into our hostel to get ready for what promises to be a great night out

Turf Warrior: Charity » Galway, Connemara, Killary Adventure Centre » 31st October 2015

Join EngSoc as we take on the 10km obstacle course to raise money for Console. Promises to be a great day out and it's all for a great cause."10km of ridiculously good obstacles involving leaping, swinging, crawling, swearing and laughing in the Connemara bog. We took the best of Connemara's natural resources and, with a team of crafty obstacle builders, created our purpose-built Turf Warrior Course.<http://www.turfwarriorchallenge.com/en/homepage.html>

Soccer Blitz Registration: Charity » CONCOURSE » 16th November 2015

EngSoc are also hosting a soccer competition next Wednesday the 18th of November in aid of EngSoc, BizSoc and Law Soc's charity week. The competition will be held in the Kingfisher hall from 2-4.30pm with proceeds going to Console. A team of 5 students must be entered, with a team entry costing €20. All students are eligible for this competition with prizes to be won for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams on the day. Team registration will close on Monday the 16th of November at 12.00pm with registration fees having to be paid at the concourse tables from 2.30pm-3.30pm later that day. EngSoc would like to thank the Kingfisher for supplying the hall free of charge for this charity event. Please see their Facebook page below: Further information on charity week will be sent out shortly with EngSoc, LawSoc and BizSoc teaming up with college bar for many more events!

Mystery Trip Giveaway: Social » NUIG » 17th November 2015

Our Mystery Trip Free giveaway event will be hosted next Tuesday, the 17th of November. This is a chance for all those unlucky people who didn't get picked on the trip, to go and for FREE! This event will entail of a few hours of events around campus. Challenges will be posted on our Facebook page seen below, with a countdown to warn those interested students: All NUIG students are eligible to compete, with the victor at the end of the day winning the free trip!

Soccer Blitz: Charity » Kingfisher Gym » 18th November 2015

EngSoc are hosting a soccer competition next Wednesday the 18th of November in aid of EngSoc, BizSoc and Law Soc's charity week. The competition will be held in the Kingfisher hall from 2-4.30pm with proceeds going to Console. A team of 5 students must be entered, with a team entry costing €20. All students are eligible for this competition with prizes to be won for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams on the day. Team registration will close on Monday the 16th of November at 12.00pm with registration fees having to be paid at the concourse tables from 2.30pm-3.30pm later that day. EngSoc would like to thank the Kingfisher for supplying the hall free of charge for this charity event. Please see their Facebook page below:<https://www.facebook.com/kingfisherclubnuiig/> Further information on charity week will be sent out shortly with EngSoc, LawSoc and BizSoc teaming up with college bar for many more events!

EngSoc International Mystery Trip Meeting: Social » ENG 2003 » 18th November 2015

Just a brief on what to expect on the trip!

Law Soc, Biz Soc and EngSoc Christmas Eve Table Quiz: Charity » College bar » 18th November 2015

LawSoc, BizSoc and EngSoc have teamed up for a MONSTER Table Quiz, cash prizes to be won on the night. Tables of 4 at €20, money raised will go to each Society's partner charity!

Mystery Trip Meeting: Other » Eng 2001 » 24th November 2015

Meeting to organise Mystery Trip details

Placement Information Discussion: Seminar » ENG G017 » 25th November 2015

Presentation and panel discussion for all Third Year Engineers on what to expect on placement. We will also have a quick presentation and discussion for anyone interested in postgrad courses both PhD and masters student will represent!.

Eng Soc Mystery Trip: Other » Eng » 15th January 2016

Leaving Engineering Building at 8.30 a.m on Friday the 15th and returning at roughly 10 p.m on Monday the 18th.

Engineering and Nursing Cirque du Soleil Ball Ticket Sales for final year Engineering and Health Science Students: Social » Aras Moyola » 19th January 2016

Less than a month to #EandNball16, featuring Kormac, The Academic and Sam Feldt! Tickets go onsale 19th of January for final year Engineering and Health Science Students.

Engineering and Nursing Cirque du Soleil Ball Ticket Sales: Social » Concourse, NUIG » 20th January 2016

Less than a month to #EandNball16, featuring Kormac, The Academic and Sam Feldt! Tickets go onsale on the 20th of January at 12 in the Arts Concourse and the Moyola

Engineers Ireland Lego Robotics Workshop: Training » Eng 2001 » 29th February 2016

Colmac Robotics and EngSoc team up to bring some young students to the college for the day, where they will participate in Engineers Week Lego Workshop.

AGM: Other » ENG 2003 » 15th March 2016

EngSoc AGM, where we will discuss a very successful year. We will also be voting in new committee members, so come along if you wish to get involved. Free pizza will be supplied as always.

Committee 2015/2016

Vice-Auditor: Shaun Gill

Treasurer: Claire Crotty

Event's Officer 1: Noreen Cassidy

Event's Officer 3: Martin Orr

Public Relations Officer: Stephen O'Brien

Student Liaison Officer: Conor Mathews

First Year Rep: Darragh McDonagh

Auditor: Bryan Feighney

Secretary: Ian Aherne

Event's Officer 2: Aoife Magee

Speaker's Convenor: Michael Lennon

Second Year Rep: James Greene

Third Year Rep: Conor Donohue

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Bryan Feighney

Secretary: James Greene

PRO: Conor Donohue

Student Liaison Officer: Colin Crowley

Third Year Rep: Tobias Ritter

Speaking Convenor : Ryan Spillane

Events Officer 1: Lisa Barrow

Events Officer 2: Ciaran Mulhern

Vice-Auditor: Martin Orr

Treasurer: Sean Bolton

Safety Officer: Darragh McDonagh

OCM: Claire Crotty

Second Year Rep: Felipe Amaya

PHD Rep: Tireoin Mullaney McCabe

Educational Officer: Marissa Britton

Organisation Balance Sheet - Eng Soc

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	962.94	Bank charge	€105.36
Balls	€1,215.00	Entertainment	€2,806.00
Fundraising	€240.00	Equipment misc	€64.37
Members Contributions	€2,419.00	Fundraising / Charity	€50.00
Socs box Till	€30.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€153.50
Ticket Sales	€5,210.00	Prizes	€39.71
USC Grant	€4,000.00	Reception	€50.00
		Society accomm	€1,344.00
		Society transport	€8,695.29
		Socs day expenses	€175.00
		Expenditure Total	€13,483.23
		Closing Bank Balance	€593.71
Total	€14,076.94	Total	€14,076.94

Engineering Ball

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	9,092.90	Ball	€28,829.53
Balls	€40,920.06	Bank charge	€190.75
Members Contributions	€1,215.00	Dinner/Food	€100.00
Socs box Till	€7,970.00	Entertainment	€10,061.65
Sponsorship	€2,000.00	Printing	€244.77
		Services Hired	€350.00
		Society transport	€1,215.00
		Stationary	€669.00
		Expenditure Total	€41,660.70
		Closing Bank Balance	€19,537.26
Total	€61,197.96	Total	€61,197.96

Mission Statement

EngSoc, enlightening minds, building social relations and creating timeless memories!

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We aim to promote engineering and technology across the University, as well as provide a fun, engaging and informative society for Engineering students to get involved in!

We expect to enlighten the minds of students. Numerous guest speakers will help guide the students of NUIG towards a career path which fits their every need.

We plan on giving the students of NUIG a chance to feel welcome at all events and get chances to create memories from our events. The most noticeable events being the Mystery Trip abroad and our highly anticipated annual ball with the Nurses.

Society Performance Reflection

The society performed successfully in every event we planned with every event proving a massive success. The two main events the society plan, the Mystery Trip Abroad and the Engineering Ball, proved to be the most successful in recent years. The international DJ Sam Feldt performing at the Engineering and Nursing Ball proved the highlight. Getting such an enormous acts, showed how much work went into the society.

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

We unfortunately fell short on our initial objectives. While we surpassed what we ever could have hoped in social and charitable events, we wanted to have more speaking events. Our annual EEE event proved successful as always and we had the biggest turnout for our placement talk with 250 people in attendance. While we fell short on the amount of talks, the amount of people attending these displayed that we really understood what students actually wanted. This can be related back with the importance of the social events where we integrated all years together and spoke to students and found out what really needed to be addressed. Improving on the amount of talks however, will be a priority next year.

Greatest Success

The Engineering and Nursing ball is the stand out success. The acts we secured were amazing. The stage production on the night ran smoothly and as an added bonus, these international superstars credited us on how well the ball was ran, saying it was one of the best run events they ever had the chance to play at. The theme fit in nicely with the people attending the ball appreciating the decorations and extra performers. All this coupled with the profits made from the ball makes the Engineering and Nursing Ball the undisputed success for the society.

Greatest Challenge

The greatest challenge was the Ball. With 3rd year committee members gone for 2nd semester we were left with a smaller workforce to pull off our biggest events. This coupled with integrating nurses into the committee who we did not know yet was a challenge. Making them feel welcome had to be achieved quickly so they could voice their opinions comfortably from the offset. Delegating jobs was important as the vast amount of work couldn't have been accomplished by a small group a big team effort was needed. In the end we pulled off, what we believe was our best event in the year.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 12 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 13 committee members.

Eng Soc ALIVE Certificates		
<u>James Greene</u>	Representative	45 hours
<u>Darren Reilly</u>	Volunteer	40 hours
<u>Bryan Feighney</u>	Auditor	1750 hours
# ALIVE Students:	3 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	1835 hours	

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 1483 members. 13 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Entrepreneurship Society

One of the mission statements of the Entrepreneurship Society is '...the Entrepreneurship Society acts as a discussion group, encouraging entrepreneurship and collective debate, whilst creating an atmosphere of productivity. We want our members to feel part of a larger community of people and know that we support them to follow their dreams'. Supporting Students in their quest to follow their dreams - this year the EntreSoc has done just that. Throughout the year we have been one of the most active societies on campus; by providing practical assistance through seminars and workshops in the many varied areas that entrepreneurship involves, we have helped equip students with invaluable skills that will empower them now and in the future to be the innovators of tomorrow. The EntreSoc successfully initiated three brand new initiatives in the 2015/2016 academic year; Stock School, led by market expert Jason Walsh, gives students the opportunity to learn free of charge how to approach and engage successfully with investment and the Stock markets; Sales School, presented by local entrepreneur Paul Behan, equipped students with invaluable sales techniques which are vital as part of any startup; and Marketing Academy, the brainchild of EntreSoc member Ruairi McNicholas, brought in guest speakers to impart valuable marketing insights to prospective marketing enthusiasts. All in all, this year has been one of growth and activity in the Entrepreneurship Society, and the foundations have been laid for an even more successful year to come.

Entrepreneurship Society Events list (36 Individual Events)

E: Seminar » ENG G-017 » 09th September 2015

Tripple E event from Wednesday 9th September saw the Engineering Society, Entrepreneurship Society and Energy Society team up to bring you the first of many amazing events of the year, "TRIPLE E". The event involved three amazing speakers giving their insight to start-ups, future employment and the ups and downs of being an Entrepreneur. Eugene Greaney (Dough Bros), Michael Champion (Lecturer NUIG) and Joe Smyth (AltoCloud) gave the attendees a real vision into aspects of being your own boss, technology and what students can do now to make them more employable. The event was a huge success and many thanks to Eugene, Michael, and Joe for taking the time to share their expertise, Mr Waffle for proving the food and to Eng Soc and Energy Soc. We look forward to working with you in the future.

EGM: Seminar » ENG G047 (Ground Floor Engineering Building) » 14th September 2015

We'll be holding an EGM on Monday September 14th in the Engineering Building G-047 at 6pm. There'll be plenty of committee positions and our year ahead planned for those who want to get involved in the society.

EntreSoc | Stock School Launch: Training » AC201 » 30th September 2015

Stock School will commence on Wednesday 30th September 2015 at 7pm in Room AC 201 on The Concourse (to the left of Kirwan theatre) and run every **SECOND** Wednesday in AC 201 at 7pm. These sessions will work for any students from any school in the University interested in learning to trade the financial markets in order to make some income in their spare time and for students who wish to pursue careers as traders, fund managers, wealth managers, portfolio managers and Macroeconomists. Handy even for budding accountants so that they can learn to better protect their client's interests by knowing what is likely to happen in the markets. Learning how to act on market behaviour will give you the edge you will need to succeed. See you on Wednesday for session 1!

Galway Startup Weekend: Social » Galway, Galway, GMIT » 02nd October 2015

EntreSoc invites our members to attend Galway Startup Weekend with us, and received half priced tickets. At this event, you'll get the opportunity to network with aspiring entrepreneurs, learn from mentors and create a company in 54 hours!

Stock School: Session 2: Seminar » AC201 » 14th October 2015

EntreSoc presents Stock School session 2 taking place this coming Wednesday (Oct 14th) back in AC 201 at 7pm. We recommend getting down early as we are expecting a large turn out again. If we have as many as before then we will move the location for session 3 but for now, session 2 is on this Wednesday Oct 14th at 7pm in AC201 on the Concourse to the left of

Kirwan Theatre. There is no need to have attended Session 1 as that was the introduction session. We are down to the nitty gritty this Wednesday so you're good to jump in from there. We will aim to keep the session to approx. 45 mins. All welcome!

Stock School: Session 3: Seminar » AC 201 » 28th October 2015

EntreSoc presents Stock School session 3 taking place this coming Wednesday (Oct 28th) back in AC 201 at 7pm. We recommend getting down early as we are expecting a large turn out again in AC201 on the Concourse to the left of Kirwan Theatre.

Masters of Marketing: Seminar » ENG G047 (Ground Floor Engineering Building) » 02nd November 2015

EntreSoc Talks are back with a session title 'Masters of Marketing'. We have an impressive lineup of speakers from very successful local businesses and consultancies to guide students through their marketing tips, tricks and skills.

Stock School: Session 4: Seminar » AC 201 » 11th November 2015

EntreSoc presents Stock School session 4 taking place this coming Wednesday (November 11th) back in AC 201 at 7pm. We recommend getting down early as we are expecting a large turn out again in AC201 on the Concourse to the left of Kirwan Theatre.

No Meeting - Stock School Competition: Other » Eng 2033 » 25th November 2015

No meeting tonight, but don't forget to enter stock school competition! See the NUI Galway Stock School Facebook group page for more details.

Sales School: Training » Galway, Mainguard street, Bank of Ireland, Workbench. » 01st February 2016

Do you want to sell like a pro..? Join Paul Behan from GetBudge.ie in the Workbench for Sales School. You will learn valuable hints and tips to help you sell anything! There will be refreshments provided on the evening. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Stock School: session 6: Training » AC 201 » 03rd February 2016

Some good things are planned and we have guest speakers such as traders from Bank of Ireland Global Finance coming in, the trading competition is still running so get me your demo account log in details if you want to be in with a chance to win €500, and we also have a student guest speaker on investing strategy who is well versed on value investing. The first session back, (session 6) is on propaganda in the media and how it impacts on your investing and trading decisions. This will be a bit of an eye opener session. As always, Stock School is open to any and all students from any school in the University and all are welcome.

Student Summit 2016: Conference » Dublin, Dublin Castle, Essex Street East, Dublin., The Printworks » 04th February 2016

The Irish Student Summit 2016, will take place on the 4th of February in Dublin Castle. The event will have over 600 students, 40+ start ups, 22 workshops and powerhouse business speakers from Silicon Valley and Ireland. With speakers from Twitter, Paddy Power, Silicon Republic, Mor Gin, Delta Partners and DCU Ryan Academy. One Student Start-Up will walk away with a 1,500euro investment into their business. Enterprise Ireland is sponsoring a 1,500 euro prize for the winner of the Student Start-Up Pitch. A panel of judges will narrow down applications to the ten best from the online submissions and the public will be able to vote for their favourite two on twitter and Facebook. For more head over to studentsummit.squarespace.com

Sales School: Training » Galway, Mainguard street., Bank of Ireland, Workbench. » 08th February 2016

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Stock School: session 7: Training » AC 201 » 10th February 2016

Session 7 there will be a guest student speaker, Mr. Brendan Tully, speaking on frameworks for investing strategy. Promises to be a very insightful session. Come along and enjoy some pizza and there is no charge for attending Stock School ever. There was a kind offer of payment made last week, but it is not expected or required in order to attend. Stock School is open to all students

from all schools across campus. As always, Stock School is open to any and all students from any school in the University and all are welcome.

Young Innovators Panel- Sports Edition.: Seminar » Galway, Mainguard street., Bank of Ireland. » 11th February 2016
6pm at the Workbench on Mainguard St. The Young Innovators Pannel is a series of talks from by Galway's youngest innovators for the Galway community. This month we have Galway's fittest and finest sports people joining us on the panel. We're powered by @BOIStartups.

Stock School: session 8: Training » AC202 » 24th February 2016

Session 8 This will be a propaganda free assessment of the financial markets since 2008 and where things are headed as a result of the crisis. As always, Stock School is open to any and all students from any school in the University and all are welcome.

Marketing Academy Event 1: Seminar » Blackstone LaunchPad » 01st March 2016

****FREE**** Marketing Course run by NUIG Entrepreneur Society Marketing is one of the most important skills to have in today's Digital Era. Get on top of it all and learn the ropes with EntreSoc's Marketing Academy. Over six weeks various speakers and mentors will talk to NUIG students about different aspects of marketing. Their wealth of knowledge can kick-start your path to Marketing Mastery. Learning Outcomes: -Event marketing and activations -Google Adwords -Email Marketing -SEO Optimization -Social Media Marketing -Content Marketing

Committee Meeting Dinner: Social » Galway, Galway City, Jalan Jalan » 01st March 2016

Social outing for the committee to discuss upcoming events

Marketing Academy: Seminar » Blackstone LaunchPad » 08th March 2016

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Stock School: session 9: Training » AC 201 » 09th March 2016

Session 9 will be a 45min review workshop of all sessions to date from both semesters. We will take the key concepts from each session and run through them again. As always, Stock School is open to any and all students from any school in the University.

NUIG Charity Take Me Out: Charity » Galway, Galway City, The Loft Venue » 09th March 2016

Join us in The Loft on Wednesday the 9th of March to watch some of NUIG's most eligible bachelors strut their stuff, in hope of winning over some of NUIG's loveliest ladies all for a good cause.

Marketing Academy: Seminar » Blackstone LaunchPad » 15th March 2016

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The Young Minds Matter Ball 2016: Charity » Dublin, Dublin, Royal Marine Hotel » 19th March 2016

The critically acclaimed "Social Event of the Year" is back for the third year running. This years event will take place on March 19th in The Royal Marine Hotel in Dun Laoghaire. We have chosen a later date to ensure we deliver the best night possible for our wonderful guests. We are adding to the team this year and are delighted to have more hands on deck. The new faces we are welcoming onboard are Chris O'Brien, Lucy Byrne and Kate O'Neill. As always 100% of the funds raised will go to our chosen charity. Over the two years we have raised over €8,500 for AWARE, Temple Street Children's Hospital and Breast Cancer

Ireland. This year's festivities will be in aid of Our Lady's Hospice, Harolds Cross. We have made the decision to raise the money for a smaller charity this year so we can all make a bigger and better impact. We will be announcing all updates for the event in the coming weeks! Hope to see all of your faces there on March 19th :)

'Young Minds Matter' Charity Ball: Charity » Dublin, The Royal Marine Hotel in Dun Laoghaire, The Royal Marine Hotel in Dun Laoghaire » 19th March 2016

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The Kube Childline Charity event: Charity » Dublin, Dublin 2, St Andrews Lane » 21st March 2016

****THE KUBE**** Our 36 brave contestants will battle it out for a place in the final by subjecting themselves to The Kube's infamous challenges. Only the toughest contestants will make it to the end and be in with a chance of winning a €500 cash prize, a brand new Smartphone and more! ****TICKETS & CHARITY**** As this is part of our 100minds campaign all proceeds will go towards ISPC Childline, a fantastic cause currently in serious need.

Marketing Academy: Seminar » Blackstone LaunchPad » 22nd March 2016

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Marketing Academy: Seminar » Blackstone LaunchPad » 29th March 2016

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OMiG Seminar with BOI Start Ups and Magnet: Seminar » Galway, Galway City, Harbour Hotel - New Dock Road , Galway City, Ireland » 29th March 2016

OMiG is pleased to present our March event with Bank of Ireland and Magnet, with a practical talk on "Digital Marketing and Start-Ups". We aim to stay up to date and keep you up to date with the latest Digital Marketing trends by bringing together proven thought leaders to discuss, debate and evaluate. We have put together two superb speakers. The event agenda is as follows; Introduction from Robin; Practical Digital Marketing with Magnet, with Marketing Manager, Anna Byrne. Gene Murphy, Entrepreneur in Residence, Bank of Ireland, will present "Practical Tips for Digital Strategies for Start-Ups". Questions and Answers; Tea, Coffee and Networking. Big thanks to Magnet Networks for sponsoring the Tea and Coffee at this event. For 2016, all OMiG events are Powered by Bank Of Ireland.

About our special guests and their companies. Gene Murphy, Entrepreneur in Residence - Bank of Ireland Gene Murphy is the co-founder of Startup Ireland, which is a grassroots network connecting the rapidly evolving communities which support the Irish start-up ecosystem. Startup Ireland was born following discussions between those active in the Irish start-up ecosystem on the best model for such a community-led organisation. Gene is the most passionate person you will ever meet when it comes to start-ups, it is an addiction of his, and he is a huge asset to the community with his incredible network. About Bank Of Ireland, Start Ups. BOI startlab, powered by Bank of Ireland, is an incubator programme built from the ground up to educate, connect and scale tech startups. Each program runs for a six month period where startups meet with the principal speakers, coaches and mentors to help grow and scale their company. Anna Byrne is the Marketing Manager for cloud and telecoms provider Magnet, who recently

opened an office in Galway. Anna is a content marketing enthusiast and is currently carrying out research on the topic with the Digital Marketing Institute. Anna regularly speaks at the Irish Internet Association events nationally and is working closely with Chambers of Commerce throughout Ireland to help distribute valuable SME research being carried out by Magnet.

Marketing Academy: Seminar » Blackstone LaunchPad » 05th April 2016

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Irish Student Entrepreneurship Forum: Seminar » Dublin, Dublin City Centre, Croke Park » 07th April 2016

On April 7th, six of the most innovative student startups will present their visions to you in Croke Park. Complimentary food and wine will be served, and there will be an opportunity to network with the country's leading graduate recruiters, startups and investors alike.

Galway Startup Weekend: Other » Galway, Galway City, Superpixel Labs » 08th April 2016

Food & Technology |Startup Weekend Galway Friday, April 8 - 10, 2016. Galway Startup Weekend is back!! So what is a startup Weekend? In just 54 hours, you will experience the highs, lows, fun, and pressure that make up life at a startup. As you learn how to create a real company, you'll meet the very best mentors, investors, cofounders, and sponsors who are ready to help you get started. Your community is here to help you! We live in an exciting time when new technologies are changing our interactions and relationships with food. Foodtech is fundamentally changing how we cook, eat, find, share and experience food. Galway is hosting the first ever Food and Technology Startup Weekend in Ireland! This is a fantastic opportunity to Combine your love of technology and food, build a team, and launch a startup in 54 hours. We are looking for those with business, developer and designer backgrounds, all foodies welcome! Connect - Connect with people driven to build something new. Rich and diverse talent is a Startup Weekend staple. Are you ready to meet your next (cofounder) (friend) (mentor) (investor)? Discover - Discover where you are on the Entrepreneur's Journey. Find the resources available near you. Leave knowing the next steps you need to take on your road to success. Learn - Learn what it really takes to start a company. No book, panel, speaker, or blog post will teach you what you need to know. The only way to learn is the experience of trying. Start - It's that simple. Startup Weekend is designed to get you going, FAST. Your local Organizers will set up the ideal environment for you to be successful and learn as much as possible in just 54 hours. Join the Techstars Startup Weekend community powered by Google for Entrepreneurs! 23k Teams Formed 193k Community Members 2900 Events 150 countries to date. <https://startupweekend.org/>

Entrepreneurship Society AGM 2016: Social » Blackstone LaunchPad » 13th April 2016

Do you have a flair for business ? Could you be the next entrepreneur we don't know about ? Or do you simply want to broaden your skills and meet new people ? If your answer to any of these questions is yes, then you should really consider joining us at our AGM on Wednesday 13th April at 6pm in Blackstone LaunchPad. Food will also be provided. All welcome and hope to see you there!

Yoga de-stress: Health & Lifestyle » Galway, galway city, bikramy yoga galway » 13th April 2016

A de-stress yoga class for all society members to come along and unwind

Committee 2015/2016

Marketing Officer : Karl Benson

Vice-Auditor: Claire O'Brien

Media Officer : Luke Brennan

Treasurer: Ellen McCrossan

Innovation Officer : Karen Foley

Ordinary Committee Member: Conor Lynch

Events Officer: Seamus Monahan

Secretary: Josiah Burke

Auditor: Jean Noonan

Ordinary Committee Member: Shaun Henson

Director of Stock School: Jason Walsh

Sponsorship Officer : Eimear Tyrrell

Ordinary Committee Member: Dara Lavelle

Ordinary Committee Member: Edel Browne

IT Officer : Paul Mulhern

Director of Marketing Academy : Ruairi McNicholas

Ordinary Committee Member: Aoife Gavin

Ordinary Committee Member: Daniel O'Loughlin

Committee 2016/2017

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Treasurer: Ellen McCrossan

OCM: Karl Benson

Head of IT: Patrick Conway

Secretary: Conor Lynch

OCM: Luke Brennan

Head of Media: Ruairi McNicholas

Vice Treasurer: Yolanda Ndlovu

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,470.35	Bank charge	€51.89
Members Contributions	€7.80	Dinner/Food	€1,290.01
Socs box Till	€2,905.00	Entry fees	€195.35
Sponsorship	€7,500.00	Equipment misc	€50.00
Ticket Sales	€3,640.00	Fundraising / Charity	€4,345.00
USC Grant	€6,000.00	Hire Bus	€750.00
		Makeup/Props	€50.37
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€1,381.07
		Printing	€242.60
		Prizes	€3,216.00
		Promotions	€34.80
		Services Hired	€67.00
		Society accomm	€1,918.50
		Society transport	€4,086.15
		Socs day expenses	€285.22
		Stationary	€2.15
		Expenditure Total	€17,966.11
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€3,557.04
Total	€21,523.15	Total	€21,523.15

Mission Statement

The primary aim of the society is to promote an environment that enables entrepreneurs to develop and expand their ideas into meaningful endeavours. This will be done through a range of innovative and interactive events, applicable to all of our members.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- The society aims to increase the membership numbers in the society, and in the particular the number of active and engaged members.
- The society wants to broaden the range of events we host, from a mainly technical/startup orientated society, into a broad range of entrepreneurial endeavours including lifestyle businesses and sole traders.
- We hope to diversify in the type of events we run, ranging beyond talks and into competitions and programmes.
- The society wish to become more involved in the community, both through local businesses and nationally through the other entrepreneurial societies in the country.

Society Performance Reflection

I believe the society did very well this year as a whole. We raised our profile among the student body considerably through the various events we hosted throughout the year. A number of new initiatives were launched which proved to be extremely successful and beneficial.

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

Yes. We were successful in diversifying our range of events, with the EntreSoc running our Stock School Challenge, a competition with a €500 cash prize, and also our co-hosting of the NUI Galway Student Enterprise Awards with Blackstone Launchpad.

We also saw our event range broadened with the successful introduction of Sales School, a series of workshops aimed at developing and improving sales techniques.

Greatest Success

Stock School, run by Jason Walsh, could be considered our greatest success this year. The inaugural event saw a massive turnout and interest and participation continued throughout the academic year. We feel that we have begun something here that has the potential to become one of NUI Galway's most popular and recognised non-academic courses.

Greatest Challenge

Learning to successfully co-ordinate and organise events could be seen as our greatest challenge yet.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 19 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 15 committee members.

Entrepreneurship Society ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Luke Brennan</u>	Head of Media	50 hours
<u>Shaun Henson</u>	Head of Marketing & Social Media	47 hours
<u>Ruairi McNicholas</u>	Volunteer	14 hours
<u>Seamus Monahan</u>	Events Officer	15 hours
<u>Claire O'Brien</u>	Vice Auditor	30 hours
<u>Ellen McCrossan</u>	Treasurer	100 hours
<u>Jason Walsh</u>	Director of Stock School	200 hours
<u>Eimear Tyrrell</u>	Head of Sponsorship, Event Organiser	100 hours

<u>Jean Noonan</u>	Auditor	200 hours
<u>Karl Benson</u>	Marketing	100 hours
<u>Josiah Burke</u>	Secretary	50 hours
# ALIVE Students:	11 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	906 hours	

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 905 members. 13 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

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 list (19 Individual Events)

Meet-up and EGM: Social » the space » 17th September 2015

We will be electing the remaining positions for the committee for the year (such as secretary, treasurer, event coordinators, social erasmus coordinators,..) and will also be telling you what ESN is all about! If you cannot attend the EGM but are still interested in being involved, just email us saying what position you would like to go for and why and we'll read it instead of you at the EGM! Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Karaoke night: Social » College Bar, Back room » 13th October 2015

Since our first ESN party last Thursday went perfectly, there is a second event that can't be missed! We will be singing, having fun and meeting new friends :)

Halloween Party: Social » Galway, Galway City, Monroes » 28th October 2015

Erasmus Student Network NUIG proudly announces the scariest Halloween party in Galway! RAWR!!! Monroes is the venue, 21:00-2:00 is the time. So be creative and put something SPOOOOOKY on (you can be a princess or a sexy nurse as well..), because the best costumes will win cool prizes (STAY TUNED.....) Tickets are only 3€ at the SOCSBOX at NUIG (Socsbox is the kiosk in Aras na Mac Leinn)

ESN Pizza Night: Social » College bar » 09th November 2015

ESNers, Come along for some chat and pizza!

ESN Meet UP: Social » Galway, Galway, The skeff » 12th November 2015

Come to our meet up to catch up with other ESNers! Finger food, beverages and FUN are provided :P Can't wait to see ya'll!

ESN: laser tag and Bowling: Social » Galway, Galway City, Planet Entertainment Centre » 18th November 2015

HELLO ESN PEEPS!!! Are you ready for some FUNNNNN!!! We've organised another spectacular outing- 2 games of bowling and 1 game of laser tag! All for just 12 euro (a whopper deal!) It will take place Wednesday Nov 18th at 8pm at the Planet

Entertainment Centre in Galway. Tickets will be sold at the Socsbox. There's only 60 tickets available and as you know ESN event tickets run out fast, so if you wanna go buy your tickets ASAP

End of the semester FIESTA-Latin& Club Hits: Social » Galway, Galway City, Monroes » 25th November 2015

¿Hace calor aquí, o eres tú? ESN Presents: the hottest party of the year! DJ Mike will be playing a selection of <<LATINO tunes mixed with INTERNATIONAL hits & CLUB stompers>> to get your groove on and dance your way into the night! This is an event not to be missed as we celebrate finishing this semester :D This event is in aid of Focus Ireland a charity that helps deal with homelessness. On the night we'll be selling €1 tickets for raffle with some cool prizes.

2nd semester Meet & Greet: Social » College Bar, Back room » 01st February 2016

Dear ESNers, Welcome (back) to NUIG! We can't wait for the exciting semester full of fun and events ahead of us. As a kick start of the second semester we would like to invite you to our meet up in the back of the college bar on Tuesday at 8 pm. Bring yourself, your friends and a good mood :) Woohoo, see you soon! Your ESN committee

Coffee, tea and biscuits: Social » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 01st February 2016

Let's have a break during the first morning of class of February. Come and join us to fill up your energy with good mood and coffee... In order to start this new month on the theme of happiness and sharing!

Tags: society, fun, food, meet and greet

Brazilian Carnival: Social » College bar » 05th February 2016

Dear ESNers, ★ BRAZILIAN CARNIVAL ★ ♪♪♪♪♪♪♪♪ Coming up soon!! Bringing you the best of Brazilian Culture, Music and Food! Come along with your friends and enjoy a REAL BRAZILIAN ATMOSPHERE. Don't miss out! See you all this FRIDAY!! Adm: Free Venue: NUIG College Bar Time: 7pm Your ESN :)

ESN: Traffic Light Party: Social » Galway, Galway City, the quays » 10th February 2016

Dear Beautiful ESNers, international and Irish people, the V-day is just around the corner, so whether you are single, taken or "ready to go" - WE HAVE SOMETHING PLANNED FOR ALL OF YE! So, upstairs at the Quays is THE PLACE, 10. of february (Wednesday) is THE DAY! The partaaay starts at 9 p.m and we will be partying till LATE. The three color wristbands will be given at the entrance. First 20 people will be selected for a draw and the winner will win a boat of happiness (you'll see you'll see). Tickets to the Madness will be sold at the socsbox at NUIG and you can get them for only 2E (or 3E at the entrance). CAN'T WAIT, your ESN.

ESN: Trip to Dublin: Social » Dublin, Dublin City Centre, dublin » 12th February 2016

Dear ESNers, The first trip of the semester is already on sale! Don't miss the opportunity to visit the Ireland's capital for only 15 euro (or 25 if you wish to visit the Guinness museum)! There are so many beautiful things and places Dublin has to offer. Departure: 8:15 from the Quad Tickets are available at the socsbox already, so run run. Your ESN

ESN Cork Trip: Social » Cork, Cork, Cork » 19th February 2016

Hey lads! So, the Cork trip is coming up soon and we're all very excited here at ESN HQ. :) :) So you guys have seen Cobh. Those of you who went last semester told us you wanted to see more of Cork City so we are going to do things differently this time around. Before we hit Cork City we will stop in Middleton, where we visit the Jameson Distillery, then we'll head to Cork City, where we will be staying at Sheila's hostel. Saturday we will see all Cork City has to offer, the University, St. Fin Barre's Cathedral, The English Market and more! In the afternoon you'll have free time to get lost in the City. On Sunday we will visit Blarney Castle (gotta kiss that famous stone), and arrive in Galway before 6.

ESN BOWLING/LASER TAG: Social » Galway, Galway, planet galway » 24th February 2016

HELLO ESN PEEPS!!! Are you ready for some FUNNNNN!!! We've organised another spectacular outing - 2 games of bowling and 1 game of laser tag! All for just 12 euro (a whopper deal!) It will take place Wednesday Feb 24th at 8pm at the Planet Entertainment Centre in Galway. Tickets available from Socs Box.

Midterm Madness party: Social » Galway, Galway, The Quays » 02nd March 2016

Dear Ya'll,so we whooped into the second half of the semester (WUUUT, ALREADY?), but don't panic! We got ye sorted: party, venue & the music is organised, all we need from you, is...YOU! VENUE: Upstairs in the Quays TIME: 22:30 (a.k.a 10:30 pm)

Belfast Trip: Social » Galway, Galway, Kingfisher Gym » 04th March 2016

Dear beauties,here it is! After a long time of deciding and planning, the oh-so-wanted trip to Belfast is finally organised :)Run to the socsbox to secure your place (the price is only 45e!!!!) Tickets will be on sale in the evening on Wednesday (the 24 Feb) till the 3rd of March.What's planned:Friday the 4th 2p.m – departure 6.30p.m –arrival 7.30p.m- going out to eat. Around 11p.m- partying in the club Filthy McNastysSaturday the 5th10a.m- departure from the hostel In the morning, tour(s) of the murals, walking around .1p.m- departure from St George to go to the Titanic Belfast 3.15p.m- free time in Belfast / maps provided Around 11pm - Lavery's Belfast (nightclub + live music) Sunday the 6th9.30a.m- departure from the hostel. 10:00am – free visit Ulster Museum, University quarter (+ Botanic Garden)12:30pm – departure to Giant Causeway 3p.m- leaving 7pm - arrival in Galway

ESN Salsa: Social » Galway, Galway, monroes » 14th March 2016

Dear ya'll,attention attention!We would like to invite you to salsa classes taking place this upcoming Monday (the 14th of March) in Monroes! There are two slots available:19:30-21:00 & 21:00-22:30The maximum number of people per slot is 15 (the minimum is 6)The price of a class per person is 3e, tickets are on sale in the Socsbox till Tuesday, so RUN RUN RUN to get yours.Your ESN

ESN St Patricks Party: Social » Galway, Galway City, Monroes » 15th March 2016

Heya amazing people, here is another great event we planned!VENUE: Monroes. DATE & TIME: Tuesday, 15. March at 22:00 (10pm). WHAT: Paaaartaay. We highly encourage ye to dress in Irish colors (green, green,green...orange & some white now and there) as well as wear some face paint and ya know...just go crazy.TICKETS: 3e. You can buy them either at the Socsbox (NUIG) or at door.We can't wait to see ya'll!xoxo your ESN.

ESN BALL: Social » Galway, Galway, Westwood Hotel » 11th May 2016

Dear everyone we are delighted to invite you to our biggest event of the year. The event will take place at Westwood Hotel Details:18:30 Reception with summer fruit punch. 19:30 Dinner starts : Menu consist of Starter: Soup; Main Plate: Chicken or Salmon; Dessert: Profiteroles & Tea/Coffee; Beverage for the meal will be provided. No worries for those with any allergies, hotel will take care of that. 22:00 Party at the hotel until late with DJ King & Dj Blazehittawe will be showing pictures of all year during the event and other features we will inform.

Committee 2015/2016**Auditor:** Denisa Chanathova**OCM:** Rebecca Flaherty**Secretary:** Flora Derrien**Event Coordinator:** Michael Peyton**Communication manager:** Miray Unal**OCM:** Paulina Hedwig Marie Kellersmann**Vice-Auditor:** Daniel Feehan**Treasurer:** Marcos Escalera Cruz**Event Coordinator:** Monika Graibute**Event Coordinator:** Lorna Tompkins**OCM:** Karen Costello**OCM:** Laura Monnier**Committee 2016/2017****Auditor:** Denisa Chanathova

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€6,640.10	Affill/Mem fees	€60.00
Members Contributions	€170.00	Ball	€4,380.00
Refund of Expenses	€150.00	Bank charge	€54.73
Socs box Till	€19,869.00	Dinner/Food	€32.50
Total	€26,829.10	Entertainment	€2,603.25
		Entry fees	€3,305.00
		Hire Bus	€2,904.50
		Hoodies	€830.00
		Materials	€10.00
		Performing rights	€450.00
		Prizes	€212.89
		Services Hired	€2,184.00
		Society accomm	€6,029.73
		Society transport	€2,277.00
		Expenditure Total	€25,333.60
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,495.50
		Total	€26,829.10

Mission Statement

The Erasmus Student Network Society strives to:

- help all the incoming erasmus as well as international students to have a great international experience in Ireland. We make sure they get to know Irish culture more and travel around the country.
- welcome back the NUIG students who went on their Erasmus abroad and integrate them with like-minded students at NUIG
- allow all the NUIG students to find out more information about the Erasmus programme
- help the students find new friends, have a great time at college and have a cultural understanding

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Our aims and objectives for the year:

- to hold at least one event per week
- to vary our events all the time and be creative with venues
- to organise trips around Ireland and present the Irish culture to the international students
- to provide more information about the Erasmus programme to the NUIG students and thus encourage them to gain experience through studying abroad

Society Performance Reflection

Our society did extremely well, the committee worked well together, the attendance of the members at our events was really high and the we all enjoyed this academic year.

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

We did achieve all our aims, objectives and goals that we set in the beginning.

Greatest Success

Winning the Societies' Award- The Most Successful Society

Greatest Challenge

Communication amongst committee members.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 10 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 10 committee members.

ESN NUI Galway ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Monika Graibute</u>	Event Coordinator	100 hours
<u>Denisa Chanathova</u>	Auditor	100 hours
<u>Paulina Hedwig Marie Kellersmann</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	100 hours
<u>Miray Unal</u>	Communication Manager	60 hours
# ALIVE Students:	4 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	360 hours	

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 503 members. 9 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

FanSci

This year has been a good one for FanSci, We have continued our traditional events, such as weekly board game and card game night, as well as co-hosting a number of special events with our fellow societies. Our membership has been fairly good, and we have been able to maintain regular attendance from week to week. We successfully hosted Itzacon, our annual gaming convention and made trips across the country to attend conventions hosted by our sister societies in other universities.

Fansci Society Events list (20 Individual Events)

FanSci and Anime Manga Card Games: Arts & Culture » IT 206 » 23rd September 2015

FanSci and Anime Manga Card Games: Arts & Culture » IT 206 » 30th September 2015

Board Game Nights: Arts & Culture » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 01st October 2015
FanSci's weekly night of board games and card games.

FanSci and Anime Manga Card Games: Arts & Culture » IT 206 » 07th October 2015

Board Game Nights: Arts & Culture » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 08th October 2015
FanSci's weekly night of board games and card games.

FanSci and Anime Manga Card Games: Arts & Culture » IT 206 » 14th October 2015

Board Game Nights: Arts & Culture » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 15th October 2015
FanSci's weekly night of board games and card games.

FanSci Cookie Night!: Social » Ac203 » 15th October 2015

A fun night of board gaming with cookies provided from Subway!

FanSci and Anime Manga Card Games: Arts & Culture » IT 206 » 21st October 2015

Board Game Nights: Arts & Culture » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 22nd October 2015

FanSci's weekly night of board games and card games.

Board Game Nights: Arts & Culture » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 29th October 2015

FanSci's weekly night of board games and card games.

Board Game Nights: Arts & Culture » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 05th November 2015

FanSci's weekly night of board games and card games.

Board Game Nights: Arts & Culture » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 12th November 2015

FanSci's weekly night of board games and card games.

Pizza Night!: Social » AC204 » 12th November 2015

Board Game Nights: Arts & Culture » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 19th November 2015

FanSci's weekly night of board games and card games.

Board Game Nights: Arts & Culture » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 26th November 2015

FanSci's weekly night of board games and card games.

Star Wars!: Arts & Culture » Galway, Galway, IMC Cinema » 17th December 2015

FanSci are going to the midnight release of the new Star Wars Movie at the IMC Cinema on Wednesday night (Thursday morning).

Itzacon: Arts & Culture » Aras na Mac Leinn » 19th February 2016

FanSci's annual science fiction, fantasy and gaming convention.

Vaticon: Social » Dublin, Dublin, UCD Student Centre » 01st April 2016

A group of fansci members will be attending UCD's gaming convention, Vaticon.

Committee 2015/2016

Public Relations Officer: Alessio Susi

Auditor: James Shields

Con Director : Leanne Davoren

Special Events Manager: Oskar Wisniewski

OCM: Jack Deane

Librarian: Daire Lavelle

Vice-Auditor: Eoin Browne

Secretary: Raizel Burstein-Frame

Treasurer: Kevin D'Arcy

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Raizel Burstein-Frame

Con Director: Eoin Browne

Librarian: Jack Deane

Organisation Balance Sheet- Fansci

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	2,250.91	Bank charge	€71.77
Socs box Till	€1,247.50	Dinner/Food	€50.00
Ticket Sales	€295.00	Entertainment	€188.50
USC Grant	€1,500.00	Entry fees	€425.00

		Equipment misc	€418.00
		Hire Bus	€207.00
		Makeup/Props	€9.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€387.01
		Prizes	€87.49
		Society accomm	€879.00
		Society transport	€347.70
		Expenditure Total	€3,070.47
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,222.94
Total	€5,293.41	Total	€5,293.41

Itzacon

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	542.44	Affill/Mem fees	€65.00
Socs Till lodgement	€50.00	Apparel	€637.50
USC Grant	€1,875.00	Bank charge	€24.15
		Makeup/Props	€150.00
		Printing	€70.85
		Prizes	€50.00
		Society accomm	€688.50
		Expenditure Total	€1,686.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€781.44
Total	€2,467.44	Total	€2,467.44

Mission Statement

The aim of our society is to provide a fun and safe environment for our members to play tabletop games and meet others who share the same interest.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We as a committee aim to revitalise interest in roleplaying games within the society as they promote social interaction as well as creativity. We also aim to engage with other societies in intersociety events and to promote good relations between our society and others.

Society Performance Reflection

Our society had a successful year.

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

We ran several role playing games to teach new members as well as engaging existing members. We held several intersociety events, including our traditional intersociety Halloween party

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was our gaming convention, Itzacon

Greatest Challenge

Despite being our greatest success, Itzacon provided many challenges

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 9 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 8 committee members.

FanSci ALIVE Certificates		
<u>James Lawless</u>	Itzacon Volunteer	30 hours
<u>Jack Deane</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	50 hours
<u>Niall Mullins</u>	Volunteer for Itzacon	20 hours
# ALIVE Students:	3 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	100 hours	

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 303 members. 7 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Feminist Society

This year, NUIG's Feminist Society was very active and met on a regular basis. In particular, the society's Book Club events were popular and enjoyable. We had great engagement on social media and were approached by groups/organisations to support projects which correspond to the values of our society. To be in a position to help such projects is a real privilege for us. As the end of the year approaches, we are planning our final event, which we hope will be a screening of 'The Mask You Live In' exploring the current crisis in masculinity. As a team, the committee worked really well together and we are very happy with all that was achieved this year.

Feminist Society Events list (24 Individual Events)

FemSoc Book Club: Social » Member's House » 22nd September 2015

FemSoc Book Club returns Tuesday September 22nd to discuss Lady Chatterley's Lover by D.H. Lawrence. Even if you haven't finished the book, swing by to chat (book)shop with some rad people and of course, enjoy some wine, beverages and party snacks. Everyone is welcome to attend. We will be meeting at Lydia's House @ 8pm. Email FemSoc at feminist@socs.nuigalway.ie for

directions. Bring along a few suggests for our next book choice and we'll put it to a vote. Like us on facebook to check out all our great events, and RSVP to Book Club here:

Feminist Meet and Greet: Social » College Bar, Back room » 24th September 2015

FemSoc will be hosting a meet and greet at the College Bar. Come on down to the back of the bar next Thursday the 24th at 8pm to meet the FemSoc committee, meet your fellow feminists, and generally have some feminist-y fun times. Pizza and finger foods will be provided.

Feminist Fillums: Persepolis!: Arts & Culture » Room 1001, Hardiman Research Building » 08th October 2015

Come join FemSoc for a feminist film night on Thursday 8th October! We'll be watching Persepolis, which is based on Marjane Satrapi's graphic novel of the same name and is a generally a Very Good Film. We'll have popcorn and refreshments so you will feel also suitably refreshed (we're just that good to you), but feel free to bring your own snacks too. So join us at 8pm on Thursday at Room 1001 (The Bridge) in the Hardiman Research Building because what else would you be doing that night? We copied the blurb from IMDB so you don't have to: 'Based on Satrapi's graphic novel about her life in pre and post-revolutionary Iran and then in Europe. The film traces Satrapi's growth from child to rebellious, punk-loving teenager in Iran. In the background are the growing tensions of the political climate in Iran in the 70s and 80s, with members of her liberal-leaning family detained and then executed, and the background of the disastrous Iran/Iraq war.'

Book Club Presents: Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe: Social » Member's House » 27th October 2015

School's back in session and so is Book Club! Join us for feminist-y fun times and food when we discuss our thoughts on Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café by Fannie Flag. All are welcome to attend! Fried green tomatoes will be provided. RSVP on Facebook here <https://www.facebook.com/events/1472759263031893/1472768603030959/> or email feminist@socs.nuigalway.ie for more information.

FemSoc and PsychSoc Ultimate Team-Up: Table Quiz in aid of commit and act!: Charity » College Bar, Back room » 03rd November 2015

FemSoc and PsychSoc are teaming up to bring you a Really Awesome Table Quiz on Tuesday 3rd November at 8pm at the College Bar. This is in aid of commit and act, which provides psychosocial support to areas of low income countries and areas afflicted by conflict. You can find out more about the charity here: <http://commitandact.com/> It's about twenty euro per table, with maximum four people to one. We'll have prizes for first, second, and third place, and there'll be a RAFFLE because who doesn't love raffles. (Answer: silly people don't love raffles. You don't want to hang out with silly people, do you? Oh wait, hang on) So come on down in support of a very good cause, come with your silliest/feminist-themed/psychology-themed names, get a bit too overly competitive (or maybe that's just me who does that), and have a very good time. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

FemSoc Book Club Presents: Beloved: Social » Galway, Salthill, Amanda's House » 24th November 2015

Book Club continues through November to meet and discuss our next book, Beloved by Toni Morrison. Swing by for food, fun, and a good dose of discourse. As usual, refreshments and snack foods will be provided. All are welcome! If you are interested in attending book club, PM the society on Facebook or email us at feminist@socs.nuigalway.ie for meeting location and more information.

16 Days of Activism Campaign Against Gender Violence: Health & Lifestyle » NUIG » 25th November 2015

Various events to be held across campus. TBD

T-Shirt Decorating: Arts & Culture » Concourse Table A » 25th November 2015

Feminist Society is hosting The Clothesline Project as one of our many events for the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence, which runs between November 25th and December 10th. The Clothesline Project is an international advocacy movement that allows participants to creatively express their feelings about power-based violence by decorating shirts with phrases of their own choosing and colors that symbolize different types of violence: White T-shirts represent women who died because of violence

Yellow and beige represent battered or assaulted women

Red, pink and orange represent survivors of rape and sexual assault

Blue and green represent survivors of incest and sexual abuse

Purple and lavender represent women attacked because of their sexual orientation

Black for women attacked for political reasons

Stop by Table A on the Concourse by Smokey's to donate or decorate a shirt for this wonderful cause. More information about the project can be found here: <http://www.clotheslineproject.org/history.htm>

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The Clothesline Project Visual Display: Arts & Culture » Foyer of Bailey Allen Hall » 30th November 2015

Visit Bailey Allen Hall to check out the Clothesline Project to raise awareness of how gender-based violence affects our campus. The Clothesline Project is an international advocacy movement that allows participants to creatively express their feelings about power-based violence by decorating shirts with phrases of their own choosing and colours that symbolize different types of violence: White T-shirts represent women who died because of violence Yellow and beige represent battered or assaulted women Red, pink and orange represent survivors of rape and sexual assault Blue and green represent survivors of incest and sexual abuse Purple and lavender represent women attacked because of their sexual orientation Black for women attacked for political reasons As this is an on-going project, students, faculty and staff are welcome to donate and/or decorate shirts, which will be put on display in the Bailey Allen Hall foyer. Shirts can be donated to a Drop Box in the Wellness Centre, located in The Hub in Bailey Allen Hall.

Smart Consent Workshop with Elaine Byrnes: Training » THB-G010 Moore Institute Seminar Room, Hardiman Library » 01st December 2015

Smart Consent is a workshop where students can explore what consent means in a fun environment, led by facilitator, Elaine Byrnes, from the School of Psychology. Smart Consent was developed following research conducted with NUI Galway students on the topic on Consent and Sexual Services. The objectives of this Smart Consent Workshop are to: Have improved knowledge of the meaning of Smart Consent Change attitudes toward a positive model of consent Identify links between consent, intimacy and pleasurable sexual experiences Describe how communication about consent could help reduce the possibility of rape or sexual assault Have a LOT of fun exploring Smart Consent in a safe, peer-supported environment! Please note, you will not be asked about your own sexual history or experiences. Fictional scenarios will be presented and you will be invited to engage in activities to raise awareness of what consent means for you. Over 1,500 students have taken part in our surveys and focus groups so far. We use findings on their sexual attitudes and behaviours to help you explore the grey area that is sexual consent.

Speed Friending with FemSoc!: Social » Galway, Galway City, The Chili Shack » 27th January 2016

Do you enjoy meeting new people? How about eating tasty food and talking about your unconditional love for fundamental human rights? Then join FemSoc this Wednesday, January 27th for a night of games, speed friending and miscellaneous shenanigans at the Chili Shack (19 Abbeygate Street Upper, Co. Galway)! Swing by to relax and chat with new and old friends as we kick off the new semester.

FemSoc Book Club Presents: The Cider House Rules: Social » Galway, Salthill, Member House » 03rd February 2016

Ring in the new semester with FemSoc's Book Club as we meet and bant our latest novel, The Cider House Rules by John Irving. Swing by to hang out with the greatest folks on campus as you dig into tasty snacks and lovely bevies. As always, everyone is

welcome to attend and you need not have finished the book (heck, you could watch the movie instead if you really wanted to but where's the fun in that?). For directions, PM us on Facebook or email us at feminist@socs.nuigalway.ie

Feminist Film Night: We Are the Best!: Social » Room 1001, Hardiman Research Building » 10th February 2016

Join FemSoc and friends for a feminist film night on Wednesday, February 10th to watch *We Are the Best!* (2013), a Swedish-Danish drama adapted from the graphic novel *Never Goodnight* by Coco Moodysson. The story follows three girls in 1980s Stockholm who decide to form a punk band, despite having no instruments and being told by everyone that 'punk is dead.' With what is sure to be a rockin' soundtrack with popcorn and refreshments to snack on, be sure to join us at 7pm on Wednesday at Room 1001 (The Bridge) in the Hardiman Research Building, and RSVP on Facebook.

Gender Awareness Week: Social » Various Locations » 07th March 2016

Gender Equality Awareness Week 7th-11th March 2015

Tuesday March 8th
THE CENTRE FOR GLOBAL WOMEN'S STUDIES
 Gender, Violence and Conflict Seminar
 4:30-6pm @ ILAS Centre, G008
 In this seminar we bring together researchers working on issues of gender and conflict in varied development contexts, from Northern Ireland to Kenya to Mexico. The seminar will examine issues including the impact of conflict on intimate partner violence and violence by non-combatants, the role of violent masculinities in shaping conflicts and instability, and gender identities and dynamics within peace-building and post-conflict development.
 Guest Speakers: Dr. Catherine O'Souke, Transitional Justice Institute, University of Ulster; Dr. Caroline Murray, The Confederated School of Religion, Peace Studies and Theology, Trinity College Dublin; and Dr. Theresa Chisete, Equality Studies Centre, University College Dublin.

Wednesday March 9th
CHOICE SOCIETY NUIG
TAKE THE BOAT
 Film screening and discussion
 7:30pm @ MY129 Arts Mayola
 Q&A with directors Camille Hamel and Serena Robin!
 At a time of momentous change and debate in Ireland, with people taking to the streets to campaign for abortion rights this timely documentary looks at the stories of women and families who have been forced to leave Ireland for abortions. *Take the Boat* looks at the stigma and silence that surrounds the issue of abortion in Ireland.

Thursday March 10th
CCAFS Society
FEMSOC
 Refugee & Gender Awareness
 12-1pm @ Bailey Allen Hall Foyer
 The week is dedicated to community outreach, educating secondary students from the Galway community, and all of NUIG staff and students. Stop by the Bailey Allen and learn more about how Ireland and MSF are involved in the current refugee crisis.

Thursday March 10th
FLIRT FM 101.3
 Feminism & Equality Show w/ Rebecca Mann & Aine Gallagher!
 11am-12pm @ 101.3FM & flirtfm.ie
draíocht FEMSOC
 Charity Table Quiz for The Olive Branch for Children
 7pm-10pm @ The College Bar, Back Room
 €20 per table of 4. Finger foods, prizes, raffles & passes to Electric available! Prizes for best team name!

For the Record: Talking Feminism & Equality with Rebecca Mann and Aine Gallagher: Health & Lifestyle » Flirt FM » 10th March 2016

Since International Women's Day is March 8th and NUIG is celebrating Gender Awareness Week, Rebecca Mann and Aine Gallagher are dedicating their next show to feminism and equality! FemSoc Vice Auditor Amanda Sesker will join them in studio to talk about FemSoc and explain the basics of feminism. There will also be some rockin' fem-friendly tunes. The show is broadcasting live from the studio behind the Socs Box from 11-12am on Thursday. Tune in at 101.3FM or online at flirtfm.ie

Women and Migration: Refugee Awareness Week: Other » Foyer of Bailey Allen Hall » 10th March 2016

CCAFS and FemSoc collaborate to bring you a week of Refugee and Gender Awareness! This week is dedicated to community outreach, so stop by the Bailey Allen hall and learn more about how Ireland and MSF are involved in the current refugee crisis, and the culmination of events which disproportionately target and affect women and children.

Draíocht & FemSoc Charity Quiz for The Olive Branch for Children!: Charity » College Bar, Back room » 10th March 2016

Draíocht and FemSoc have joined forces to bring you an excellent night of fundraising and competition! Grab your pals, register your team of four and get ready to bring you 'A' game! Prizes will be awarded for raffles, as well as for Best Team Name, Highest Score, and more! Finger foods, great times and Electric passes will be made available! Cost per team: 20 Euro. Founded in 2005 by Deborah McCracken, The Olive Branch for Children in Tanzania's 'main aim is to help remote communities in Tanzania assess their primary needs and establish programs that target the most vulnerable'. Their 'focus is on HIV/AIDS prevention and care, early childhood education, food security and vulnerable children and women' and their 'goal is to establish community-led programs that empower remote communities and generate models that can be replicated in communities throughout Tanzania and

elsewhere'. We send volunteers out to Tanzania to help The Olive Branch for Children continue their many programs for the most vulnerable.

The Women of the rising: The untold Stories: Seminar » Aras ui Cathaill Lecture Theatre, NUI Galway » 15th March 2016
Hosted by Cumann Staire, Feminist Society and Drama Society NUI Galway with Special Guest: Caitriona Clear a Senior Lecturer in the Department of History NUI Galway and playwright Gerry Conneely. We all know the story of the 1916 rising and the patriots who gave their lives for Ireland, what many of don't know however is the stories of the women of the rising. In this centenary year we present an evening in praise and recognition of the role of women in the rising. The women who played a significant role in the events which changed our history but whom history forgot. The evening will form part of the NUI Galway ISDA Theatre Fringe Festival panel discussion series. Guest on the evening will be playwright Gerry Conneely whose radio play 'The Gifford Girls' is due to be broadcast on the Keith Finnegan show on Galway Bay FM for Easter Week and is funded by the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland with the television licence fee. The play tells the story of The Gifford sisters from a protestant family in Rathfarnham. According to playwright and Director Gerry Conneely '1916 rising was the seminal event in the establishment of the Irish State. Most of us know the actual events of the rising, itself, and its tragic climax. However little is known of the men themselves and practically nothing is known of the women at the centre of the event. The production sets out to turn the traditional treatments on their head. While dealing accurately with the events it looks in depth at the mood and atmosphere of the city during the years leading up to the rebellion.' The play is produced by Iaro Productions and producer Ríona Hughes and members of the cast will be present on the evening to participate in the discussion. The event will feature some extracts from the play, audio and video interviews with women recounting their experiences during the rising. Joining the panel will be Caitriona Clear a Senior Lecturer in the Department of History NUI Galway. She is a founder member of the Women's History Association of Ireland and the author of several books on nineteenth-century Irish women's history and social history generally. The evening promises to bring to life these extraordinary women, members of Inghinidhe na hEireann, women like Constance Markievicz, Helena Molony and Grace Gifford, who married Joseph Plunkett on the night of his execution, and Muriel who was married to Thomas McDonagh and their sisters Nellie and Sidney (John) Gifford. Women who stood shoulder to shoulder with the men and whose courage and ingenuity set in motion events which led to Irish independence. The NUI Galway Societies invite you to celebrate their memory and reflect on how things have changed and how some things remain the same one hundred years on. See the event on Facebook. More details on: www.iaroproductions.com

FemSoc Book Club Presents: The Country Girls: Social » Galway, Salthill, Member House » 23rd March 2016
This time book club will be reading *The Country Girls* by Edna O'Brien. According to GoodReads: "Meet Kate and Baba, two young Irish country girls who have spent their childhood together. As they leave the safety of their convent school in search of life and love in the big city, they struggle to maintain their somewhat tumultuous relationship. Kate, dreamy and romantic, yearns for true love, while Baba just wants to experience the life of a single girl. Although they set out to conquer the world together, as their lives take unexpected turns, Kate and Baba must ultimately learn to find their own way. So as always, join us on Wednesday March 23rd for snacks and refreshments. All are welcome! Please email society at feminist.socs@nuigalway.ie or PM us on Facebook for further details. RSVP to Book Club here.

FemSoc Book Club: Half of a Rising Sun: Social » Galway, Salthill, Member House » 25th April 2016
Book Club is back for more! Join us Monday April 25th @ 7:30pm as we discuss our next book, *Half of a Yellow Sun* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, over snacks, munchies, cheeses and wine (because we're fancy types, don'tcha know). Goodreads description: "With effortless grace, celebrated author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie illuminates a seminal moment in modern African history: Biafra's impassioned struggle to establish an independent republic in southeastern Nigeria during the late 1960s. We experience this tumultuous decade alongside five unforgettable characters: Ugwu, a thirteen-year-old houseboy who works for Odenigbo, a university professor full of revolutionary zeal; Olanna, the professor's beautiful young mistress who has abandoned her life in Lagos for a dusty town and her lover's charm; and Richard, a shy young Englishman infatuated with Olanna's willful twin sister Kainene. *Half of a Yellow Sun* is a tremendously evocative novel of the promise, hope, and disappointment of the Biafran war. As per our usual, there will be great bants with some of your friendly neighborhood feminists. All are welcome! Please email society at feminist.socs@nuigalway.ie or PM us on Facebook for further details. See you there!

FemSoc AGM, Elections and Film Night!: Social » G065 Psychology Extension, Arts Millennium Building » 05th May 2016

It's that time of year again! Come to the FemSoc AGM where we'll ratify the new constitution, eat some pizza and snacks, and we'll also be electing NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS! Have you ever wanted to take a leadership role in a society? Have some great ideas for what we should do next year? Then FemSoc wants YOU! Positions available are: Auditor Vice-Auditor Secretary Treasurer PR Officer Campaigns Officer OCM's...and More! We'll also close the night by watching Whip It, a great film about 'an indie-rock loving misfit who finds a way of dealing with her small-town misery after she discovers a roller derby league in nearby Austin (imdb).' We look forward to seeing you there! Contact us at feminist@socs.nuigalway.ie or follow us on Facebook and Twitter for more info!

FemSoc Book Club: Tipping the Velvet: Social » Galway, Salthill, Member's House » 01st June 2016

Join us on Wednesday June 1st @ 7:30pm for one last FemSoc Book Club, when we'll be discussing Tipping the Velvet by Sarah Waters. As always, there will be delicious snacks, cheeses and wine (because we're fancy types, dontcha know) for everyone to enjoy. All are welcome! Goodreads description: "This delicious, steamy debut novel chronicles the adventures of Nan King, who begins life as an oyster girl in the provincial seaside town of Whitstable and whose fortunes are forever changed when she falls in love with a cross-dressing music-hall singer named Miss Kitty Butler. When Kitty is called up to London for an engagement on "Grease Paint Avenue," Nan follows as her dresser and secret lover, and, soon after, dons trousers herself and joins the act. In time, Kitty breaks her heart, and Nan assumes the guise of butch roue - a sort of Moll Flanders in drag - finally finding friendship and true love in the most unexpected places. Drawing comparison to the work of Jeanette Winterson, Sarah Waters' novel is a feast for the senses - a lushly detailed historical novel that bursts with life and dazzlingly casts the turn of the century in a different light. Email society at feminist.socs@nuigalway.ie or PM us on Facebook for further details and/or directions to the house. See you there!

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Amie Lajoie
Secretary: Mary McGill
ECM: Lydia Kelly

Vice-Auditor: Amanda Sesker
Treasurer: Corinna Stewart
ECM: Ceire Broderick

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Amanda Sesker

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	198.54	Bank charge	€16.24
USC Grant	€1,500.00	Dinner/Food	€470.51
		Reception	€94.08
		Video Hire	€290.00
		Expenditure Total	€870.83
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€827.71
Total	€1,698.54	Total	€1,698.54

Mission Statement

Feminism advances the idea that all genders 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 students, staff, and alumni of any gender, and anyone interested in coming together with like-minded people or to learn more about what feminism represents.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

1. Create a variety of events to interest all students on campus, including film nights, book club, and meet and greets.
2. Efforts to recruit and retain undergraduate members
3. 16 Days of Activism events
4. International Women's Day and Gender Awareness Week events
5. Charity events for Commit + Act; Galway Crisis Centre
6. Foster inter-club collaborative events

Society Performance Reflection

Our society did really well, considering how busy the committee is given that most of the team are doing PhDs.

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

Yes. A core aim of the Feminist Society is to ensure a strong feminist presence on campus through the running of our own events and through collaboration with others, both of which we achieved this year.

Greatest Success

We had a speed-friending event off campus in January that was a huge success. There was a really large turnout and a lot of fun was had.

Greatest Challenge

Finding the time to meet and run as many events as we would like. We did very well, considering the demands of our respective courses, jobs etc.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 6 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 4 committee members.

Feminist Society ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Amanda Sesker</u>	Event Coordinator	48 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	48 hours	

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 457 members. 6 committee members completed the end of year survey.

Fifa Society

Introduction

Semester 2 of the 2015/16 academic year brought about a new society around NUI Galway, Fifa Society.

The Fifa Society is now there to service all of your football computer game needs. We provide the games themselves, consoles, controllers and all of the equipment necessary for brilliant Fifa meetups. We gained 129 members in our first semester mainly from Socs day 2 and word of mouth!

Weekly Competitions

We meet for weekly competitions where the most enthusiastic players from all over campus meet up and battle it out for the title of the best Fifa player on campus, for a week anyways.

Fifa Society Events list (7 Individual Events)

FIFA Tournament: Social » Aras na Mac Leinn Meeting Room 2 » 01st February 2016

Fifa Tournament: Social » Eng-2001 » 23rd February 2016

Social gaming event, open for students to attend and take part. Consoles are provided for.

FIFA Tournament: Social » ENG-3035 » 01st March 2016

Social gaming event, open for students to attend and take part. Consoles are provided for.

FIFA Tournament: Social » ENG-3035 » 08th March 2016

Social Gaming event, consoles are provided.

FIFA Tournament: Social » ENG-3035 » 15th March 2016

Social Gaming event, consoles are provided.

FIFA Tournament: Social » ENG-3035 » 05th April 2016

Social Gaming event, consoles are provided.

FIFA Tournament: Social » ENG-3035 » 12th April 2016

Social Gaming event, consoles are provided.

Annual General Meeting + FIFA Tournament: Social » ENG-3035 » 19th April 2016

FIFA Soc's Annual General Meeting, to invite members of the society to provide feedback on this year's events and gain insightful information on how to improve for the future. Will also elect committee members for the next academic year. After the meeting, A tournament will be held for open to anyone that attends the AGM. Social Gaming event, consoles are provided.

Committee 2015/2016

Vice-Auditor: Zakaria Gargoum

Treasurer: Eoin Clancy

Secretary: Mohamed El-Gamati

Auditor: Ross Pender

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Ross Pender

Vice-Auditor: Eoin Clancy

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0.00	Bank charge	€42.57
USC Grant	€300.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€250.00
		Expenditure Total	€292.57
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€7.43
Total	€300.00	Total	€300.00

Society Performance Reflection

The FIFA society was established in Semester 2 of the 2015/2016 academic year. This year we successfully recruited 130 members in total, drafted a constitution and established the foundations of the society. A total of 10 social gaming events were successfully hosted with satisfactory attendance. Our membership consisted of a variety of different students including a large proportion of first years and even some Erasmus students. Overall we believe the society is set to continue growing in the future with the careful management of future committees.

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

Our targets were simple and straightforward:

- Draft an adequate legible constitution to meet NUIG Society standards.
- Recruit a minimum of 50 members at Socs day 2.
- Host an EGM and AGM.
- Host a minimum of 5 events successfully.
- Elect a provisional committee for next year.

We have been able to meet all our targets and more. We successfully recruited 130 members in total with over 100 signed up on socs day 2. A total of 10 FIFA tournaments were held throughout the semester with at least 16 participants. An EGM was hosted at the beginning, which successfully appointed the current committee members. An AGM was subsequently hosted at the end of the semester, where we received positive feedback from the society members, and filled two positions for next year's committee.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success has got to be the recruitment of over 100 members on Socs day alone. Given that it was semester 2 we did not expect such a relatively large interest.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge was gaining access to equipment on a regular basis. Although thankfully in most cases we were able to deal with the unexpected unavailability of some equipment i.e. consoles and controllers. We think to tackle this obstacle it is best that the society purchases and own its own consoles, instead on relying on the equipment of the committee members' personal property.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 1 committee member.

Fifa Society ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Mohamed El-Gamati</u>	Secretary	40 hours
<u>Eoin Clancy</u>	Treasurer	30 hours
# ALIVE Students:	2 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	70 hours	

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 130 members. 3 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

FilmSoc

FilmSoc aims to provide NUIG students with their own free-of-charge student cinema. We aim to bring a mixture of exciting, and intellectual films to the student population. We achieve this by running screenings one or two nights per week, and often collaborate with other societies to have 'movie nights' which often bring societies together and widen the scope of FilmSoc.

We also aim to bring filmmaking opportunities to the NUIG campus. We ran weekly production meetings in the first semester in order to provide incoming members with the skills to help make films, and in the second semester we donated more time to individual scripts for short films and made as many as we could.

Film Society Events list (37 Individual Events)

FilmSoc Presents: 'Avengers: Age of Ultron': Arts & Culture » D'arcy Thompson Theatre » 14th September 2015

Join FilmSoc for our inaugural screening of the new semester, Joss Whedon's 'Avengers: Age of Ultron'. The film boasts an all star cast, so do come along and see one of the most talked about films of 2015. There will also be Free Pizza!

FilmSoc Presents: Ex Machina: Arts & Culture » UC102: Aras Ui Chathail » 16th September 2015

In our second screening of the week FilmSoc proudly presents the 2015 sci-fi thriller 'Ex Machina' from British filmmaker Alex Garland. Featuring excellent performances from Alicia Vikander, Oscar Isaac, and Domhnall Gleeson and a fascinating plot centering around the concept of artificial intelligence, Ex Machina is a film not to be missed!

FilmSoc EGM: Social » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 17th September 2015

For anyone interested in taking a more active role in FilmSoc, pop along to our EGM as we have various committee places up for grabs including Treasurer and a couple of OCM slots.

FilmSoc Production Meeting: Training » Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 » 17th September 2015

Come along and join our first proper production meeting of the semester, we will be having a camera workshop! You don't need to have prior experience, beginners are more than welcome.

FilmSoc Presents: 'Boyz n the Hood': Arts & Culture » D'arcy Thompson Theatre » 21st September 2015

Join FilmSoc as we seize the opportunity (thanks to Straight Outta Compton) to show acclaimed 90's drama 'Boys n the Hood', starring Mr Ice Cube himself. Highlighting the issues facing those who live in South Central Los Angeles, the film was featured on a list of 50 Films To See Before You Die by Channel 4!

FilmSoc Presents: 'Easy A': Arts & Culture » UC102: Aras Ui Chathail » 23rd September 2015

Come along to FilmSoc's showing of the hilarious comedy 'Easy A' which boasts an all-star cast including Emma Stone, Stanley Tucci, Lisa Kudrow, Penn Badgley and many others. Join us and try to keep count of the numerous John Hughes and 80's teen comedy references that litter the film.

FilmSoc Production Meeting: Training » Meeting Room 1, Aras na Mac Leinn » 24th September 2015

This week's meeting will be focusing once again on the camera, with an emphasis on both the technical and creative aspects of camerawork. Beginners Welcome!

FilmSoc Presents 'Wild': Arts & Culture » D'arcy Thompson Theatre » 28th September 2015

Join FilmSoc for our only screening of the week, the multiple Academy Award nominee 'Wild'! Based on the widely popular memoir by Cheryl Strayed, 'Wild' focuses on Strayed's journey to complete the Pacific Crest Trail. The film features moving performances from both Reese Witherspoon and Laura Dern in particular, and an amazing soundtrack. If that hasn't sold you there will also be Free Pizza!

FilmSoc Presents 'Drive': Arts & Culture » D'arcy Thompson Theatre » 05th October 2015

Join FilmSoc as we screen the 2011 film 'Drive' in all its neon and Gosling glory. Ryan Gosling plays a hollywood stuntman who moonlights as a getaway driver. He sees his world fall into disarray after he helps out his neighbour, played by Carey Mulligan, in this tense, brutal and enthralling drama.

FilmSoc Presents: 'It Follows': Arts & Culture » Kirwan Theatre » 07th October 2015

Join FilmSoc for the first of our Halloween special Fright Fest screenings as we begin with the 2014 hit 'It Follows'. Maika Monroe plays a young woman who must spend her days running from an ever changing supernatural force that follows her after a sexual encounter. This is one of the best contemporary horror movies out there. Even when you're sitting there in helpless fright you still find time to appreciate the smart sub-text. There will also be Free Pizza!

FilmSoc goes to OFFline Film Festival: Other » Birr, Co. Offaly » 08th October 2015

FilmSoc's trip to Birr in Offaly as part of The OFFline Film Festival's 57 hour filmmaking challenge.

FilmSoc Presents 'Under The Skin': Arts & Culture » D'arcy Thompson Theatre » 12th October 2015

Join FilmSoc for our screening of the drama/sci-fi/thriller 'Under the Skin'. The film stars Scarlett Johansson as a mysterious woman that roams the streets of Scotland in search of men to seduce. Not to be missed y'all!

FilmSoc Presents 'The Descent': Arts & Culture » Kirwan Theatre » 14th October 2015

Join FilmSoc for our second screening of FRIGHT FEST - 'The Descent'. For anyone who's claustrophobic this movie is a real nightmare. It follows six women who go on a caving expedition that takes a turn for the sinister.

FilmSoc Presents 'Nightmare Before Christmas': Arts & Culture » D'arcy Thompson Theatre » 19th October 2015

We're are gonna be screening 'Nightmare before Christmas', with Halloween right around the corner is practically mandatory!

FilmSoc Presents: 'Back To The Future 2' & Afterparty: Arts & Culture » College bar » 21st October 2015

On October 21st 2015(the exact date of Marty's arrival) we'll be screening Back to the Future II @8pm in the College Bar! 80's themed dress is optional.(However there will be a spot prizes for best dressed!)DJ soc will be providing some 80's classics after the film so stick around.College bar will kindly be providing finger food

FilmSoc Presents 'Scream': Arts & Culture » O'Flaherty Theatre » 28th October 2015

Join Filmsoc for our tribute to the late and great Wes Craven with a screening of the 90s hit 'Scream' as part of our FrightFest month long horror movie extravaganza!

FilmSoc Presents: 'Skyfall': Arts & Culture » D'arcy Thompson Theatre » 02nd November 2015

Join FilmSoc feeling the Bond hype for our screening of 'Skyfall' this Monday in the D'arcy Thompson Theatre! Whether you are reliving one of arguably the best Bond films before Spectre or watching it for the first time - it is a must see!

FilmSoc Presents: 'Spring Breakers': Arts & Culture » O'Flaherty Theatre » 04th November 2015

Join FilmSoc for our screening of the 2012 black comedy/crime film 'Spring Breakers'! It follows four college girls who rob a diner in order to travel to Florida for Spring break and their subsequent gradual descent into a world of crime and violence.

Film Soc presents: Amy: Arts & Culture » Darcy Thompson » 09th November 2015

A moving British documentary from 2015 telling depicting the life and death of Amy Winehouse in her own words, featuring unseen archival footage and unheard tracks. Directed by Asif Kapadia.

FilmSoc presents: Obvious Child: Arts & Culture » O'Flaherty Theatre » 11th November 2015

An American Rom-Com from 2014. If you like Amy Schumer's film 'Trainwreck', this is just your cup of tea. Aspiring comedian Donna Stern (Jenny Slate) has to navigate the murky waters of independent adulthood for the first time. But when Donna gets dumped, loses her job, and finds herself pregnant just in time for Valentine's Day, she grapples with an uncertain financial future, an unwanted pregnancy, and a surprising new suitor,

FilmSoc Presents 'Reservoir Dogs': Arts & Culture » D'arcy Thompson Theatre » 16th November 2015

Join FilmSoc in preparation for 'The Hateful Eight' by showing some classic Tarantino in 'Reservoir Dogs'. Come and procrastinate with us!

FilmSoc Presents: Hunger Games Mockingjay Part 1: Arts & Culture » O'Flaherty Theatre » 18th November 2015

Join FilmSoc as we show Mockingjay Part 1, the day before the final installment of the franchise hits Irish Cinemas.

FilmSoc Presents 'Death Proof': Arts & Culture » D'arcy Thompson Theatre » 23rd November 2015

Join FilmSoc for the final week of screenings kicking off with the underappreciated 2007 Tarantino action exploration, horror film - 'Death Proof'. With just over a month remaining til' The Hateful Eight come along and quench your Tarantino thirst!

FilmSoc Presents 'Frozen Sing-along': Arts & Culture » O'Flaherty Theatre » 25th November 2015

Wish it was sociably acceptable to sing out all your favourite 'Frozen' songs in public? Well now you can! We'll be hosting a 'Frozen' sing-along as our last event of the semester! Join us for some fun times and free food!

FilmSoc EGM: Social » Aras an Mac Leinn - The View » 18th January 2016

FilmSoc's EGM takes place at 5pm in The View. We are looking to fill the positions of Secretary, Co-Public Relations Officer, Events Officer, and Vice-Auditor. If you think you are suited to any of these positions and would like to be more involved in FilmSoc, come along! And there will be snacks/sweets. So enticing.

FilmSoc Screening of 'Enter the Void': Social » Darcy Thompson Theatre, Arts & Science Concourse » 18th January 2016

FilmSoc's first screening of the semester is 'Enter the Void' (2009), an English-language French drama film written and directed by Gaspar Noé. It has been described as provocative, extreme, mad, and outrageous, as well as a "trippy meditation on life and death." Don't miss this film!

FilmSoc Screening of 'The Tribe' (2014): Arts & Culture » D'arcy Thompson Theatre » 25th January 2016

FilmSoc's weekly film is 'The Tribe' (2014). Set in a boarding school for deaf children, this haunting drama's wordless dialogue speaks volumes. This is a story told entirely through sign language and is a bold, innovative interpretation of silent films for contemporary audiences. This film has received fantastic reviews, so if you're looking for something unusual, come along!

FilmSoc's weekly Screening : 'Enemy': Arts & Culture » Darcy Thompson Theatre, Concourse » 08th February 2016

In keeping with FilmSoc's more alternative screenings this semester, 'Enemy' (2013) is a psychological thriller directed by Denis Villeneuve. The film stars Jake Gyllenhaal as two men who are physically identical, but very different in terms of personality. 'Enemy' has received critical acclaim, but has also divided in audiences, while leaving them thinking about the film for a long time after leaving the theatre. Come along and experience this film for yourself!

FilmSoc's weekly screening: Mulholland Drive (2001): Arts & Culture » Darcy Thompson Theatre, » 08th February 2016

Mulholland Drive is a 2001 American neo-noir mystery film written and directed by David Lynch. Along Mulholland Drive nothing is what it seems. You must see this film at least once in your lifetime, so why not see it on the big screen this Monday 8th with FilmSoc. "This is a movie to surrender yourself to." - Roger Ebert "The challenge is exhilarating. You can discover a lot about yourself by getting lost in Mulholland Drive. It grips you like a dream that won't let go." - Rolling Stone

FilmSoc's weekly screening: Martha Marcy May Marlene: Arts & Culture » Darcy Thompson Theatre » 15th February 2016

We'll be screening the ominous psychological thriller Martha Marcy May Marlene (2011), a film that recounts the trauma a woman suffers after escaping a cult. "It's Olsen, as a damaged soul clinging to shifting ground, who makes this spellbinder impossible to shake." - Rolling Stone. Come join us for our weekly screening! This semester we're showing you films that you're not likely to watch anywhere else. All are welcome!

FilmSoc's trip to Dublin International Film Festival (ADIFF): Arts & Culture » Dublin, Dublin, Dublin » 19th February 2016

Come join us for FilmSoc's annual trip to the Dublin International Film Festival. See films that you may not get the chance to see again and meet fellow film-lovers in the society! Check out the amazing programme for ADIFF on www.diff.ie If you'd like to join us, buy your ticket in the Socs Box for only €40. That covers accommodation, travel and 1 ticket to a film at the festival. Get them quickly, as there's a limited number available!

The Perks of Being a Wallflower: Arts & Culture » Darcy Thompson Theatre, Arts & Science Concourse » 29th February 2016

As part of Mental Health Week, FilmSoc and Psych Soc are collaborating to bring you The Perks of Being A Wallflower. The film follows Charlie (Logan Lerman), a freshman who is befriended by a group of seniors at his high school (Emma Watson and Ezra Miller), these new friends help Charlie cope with the many stressful aspects of his life such as the recent suicide of one of his friends and also his mental health. Don't miss this heartfelt and moving film.

FilmSoc's weekly screening: Eyes Wide Shut: Arts & Culture » Darcy Thompson, Concourse » 07th March 2016

This Monday (6th March) at 7pm in D'Arcy Thompson we'll be screening Stanley Kubrick's haunting final masterpiece, Eyes Wide Shut. "A spellbinder: provocatively conceived, gorgeously shot and masterfully executed." - Chicago Tribune. There'll also be free pizza!

FilmSoc presents: Inherent Vice: Arts & Culture » Darcy Thompson Theatre, Arts & Science Concourse » 14th March 2016

Our week 10 screening will be of Paul Thomas Anderson's stoner mystery movie, 'Inherent Vice' (2014). In a California beach community, private detective Larry "Doc" Sportello (Joaquin Phoenix) tends to work his cases through a smoky haze of marijuana. There will also be free pizza!

FilmSoc presents: The Lobster (2014): Arts & Culture » Darcy Thompson, Arts & Science Concourse » 04th April 2016

For our penultimate screening of the year, FilmSoc presents a film by Yorgos Lanthimos, starring Colin Farrell, John C Reilly and Léa Seydoux. 'The Lobster' depicts a dystopian near future where single people, by law, are taken to a hotel where they are obliged to find a romantic partner in 45 days or are transformed into animals and sent off into the woods. The film picked up three prizes at Cannes film festival, including the Jury Prize, Queer Palm and Palm Dog award. This unconventional film is a must-see.

FilmSoc AGM: Other » Art Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 05th April 2016

FilmSoc's Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 5th April. Here, we'll nominate a committee for FilmSoc 2016/17. All members of the society are welcome! All committee positions are open to nominations.

FilmSoc presents: Carol (2015): Arts & Culture » Darcy Thompson Theatre, Arts & Science Concourse » 11th April 2016

Monday at 7 in D'Arcy Thompson we're screening Todd Haynes' award winning romance, Carol. Featuring acclaimed performances from Cate Blanchett and Rooney Mara and stunning cinematography, an opportunity to see it on the big screen shouldn't be missed. "Carol is one of the greatest American screen romances of any era, period." - Salon. "Under Haynes' sure hand, Blanchett and Mara deliver a love story to melt to." - Total Film

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Michelle Carey

Equipment Officer: Aaron Southgate

Public Relations Officer: Sarah Fitzgerald

OCM: Bryan Wilson

OCM: Ellen Corbett

Secretary: Ryan Kelly

Events Officer: Orla Connaughton

Treasurer: Patrick Fallon

OCM: Laura McGlinchey

Head Of Screenings: Alexander O'Meara

Co-Public Relations Officer: Kieran O'Brien

OCM: Barry Gilmartin

OCM: Kevin Doyle

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Martina Keane

Vice-Auditor: Patrick Fallon

Secretary: Kevin Doyle

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	582.14	Apparel	€406.00
Bank Charge	€0.58	Bank charge	€79.91
Ecommerce Sales	€96.00	Costumes	€82.88
Fundraising	€200.00	Entertainment	€332.87
Socs box Till	€650.00	Entry fees	€398.00
Sponsorship	€4,531.00	Equipment misc	€1,004.43
USC Grant	€5,000.00	Fundraising / Charity	€38.73
		Hall hire	€270.00
		Hire Bus	€400.00
		Makeup/Props	€21.45
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€538.58
		Promotions	€142.90
		Society accomm	€1,324.80
		Society transport	€160.00
		Expenditure Total	€5,200.55
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€5,859.17
Total	€11,059.72	Total	€11,059.72

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 film-making classes so that all aspects of film can be enjoyed. 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 interest 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

Our student cinema brought a diverse and thought-provoking range of films to the student population, often incorporating foreign cinema or more experimental films. We gauged our audience well, and provided a mixture of interesting films and entertaining ones.

Our production output could certainly have been better this year, and while we made some unique films, the society could certainly have benefitted from better organisation of the production side of things. Fortunately, we have learned a lot this year, and bled in some new filmmakers to the society.

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

I believe we achieved most of our goals. We could have made more films over the course of the year, but it can be difficult for students to find the time to be involved with all of the work that a short film takes to make from beginning to end. We most certainly provided an entertaining Student Cinema.

Greatest Success

We took two very interesting films to the OFFline Film Festival this year. Although we did not win/place in the competition, a lot of our members gained valuable experience from the trip. The society has two interesting films to be proud of from that trip, *Light Interference* and *Little Lows*, both unique films which the society is proud of.

Greatest Challenge

Because our society is so heavily linked with the BA with Film Studies connect programme, we often have to deal with the situation we faced this year in which a number of committee members must leave the society halfway through the year in order to partake in their ERASMUS programme. This year we lost our first semester Secretary, Events Officer, and co-PRO, along with our Vice-Auditor through unrelated events. Replacing these members, and keeping an air of stability at the society in their absence was our most difficult challenge.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 15 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 13 committee members.

FilmSoc ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Ellen Corbett</u>	OCM	24 hours
<u>Bryan Wilson</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	30 hours
<u>Michelle Carey</u>	Auditor	120 hours
<u>Kieran O'Brien</u>	Co-Public Relations Officer	90 hours
<u>Alexander O'Meara</u>	Head of Screenings	100 hours
<u>Aaron Southgate</u>	Equipment Officer	100 hours

<u>Barry Gilmartin</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	70 hours
<u>Sarah Fitzgerald</u>	Public Relations Officer	183 hours
<u>Ryan Kelly</u>	Head of Production, Secretary	120 hours
<u>Patrick Fallon</u>	Treasurer	100 hours
# ALIVE Students:	10 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	937 hours	

Other Information

We held 21 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 1210 members. 12 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Finance Society

The NUI Galway Finance Society was set up just this year for students with an interest in studying or working in Finance. Finance is an extremely exciting, competitive although sometimes controversial industry to be a part of. And as the finance industry continues to grow in Ireland, the better prepared and informed students are before leaving college the more employable and empowered they will be. Our society aims to help students along their way by hosting topical and engaging seminars, career development events and excursions away for our members.

Finance Society Events list (2 Individual Events)

"From the Fed to the Frontlines": Seminar » CA116A » 09th February 2016

Finsoc's inaugural event and first edition of the guest lecture series.

Corporate Headshot Day: Training » Room 1001, Hardiman Research Building » 01st March 2016

Free Event. Have Your Professional Photo Taken Improve Your LinkedIn Profile. Increase Employment Prospects

Committee 2015/2016

Vice-Auditor: Lorna McLoughlin

Treasurer: Kevin Quinn

OCM: Paddy MacDonagh

OCM: John McDonnell

OCM: Darragh Whyte

OCM: Padraic O'Dea

Assistant Secretary: Patrick Fleming

Head of Marketing Team: Louise Murphy

Secretary: Brendan O'Driscoll

OCM: Jack Smyth

Assistant Secretary: Ben O'Riordan

OCM: John Finn

OCM: Gavin Hanley

OCM: Clodagh Quirke

OCM: Daire Joyce

Auditor: Aaron Kilboy

Committee 2016/2017

Secretary: Patrick Fleming

Treasurer: John McDonnell

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0.00	Bank charge	€37.50
USC Grant	€265.00	Gifts	€73.50
		Printing	€37.00
		Services Hired	€100.00
		Expenditure Total	€248.00
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€17.00
Total	€265.00	Total	€265.00

Society Performance Reflection

Excellent.

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

Yes.

Greatest Success

Achieving all our aims and objectives.

Greatest Challenge

Achieving all our aims and objectives.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 12 committee members.

Finance Society ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Patrick Fleming</u>	Event Organisation	25 hours
<u>Aaron Kilboy</u>	Auditor	30 hours
<u>Brendan O'Driscoll</u>	Secretary	27 hours
<u>Daire Joyce</u>	Committee Volunteer	25 hours
# ALIVE Students:	4 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	107 hours	

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 175 members. 7 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

FLAC Society

FLAC Society provides free legal advice clinics to both members of the public and students. We host one clinic a week which involves either a practicing solicitor or barrister, who, alongside our student volunteers, gives advice regarding legal matters.

From time to time, we also organise other events. For example, this year, in conjunction with the law society, we ran a class on will writing for Zambian students wishing to raise awareness of the importance of the process in Zambia.

FLAC Society Events list (6 Individual Events)

FLAC Meeting: Training » AC202 » 30th September 2015

We are having our first meeting this Wednesday the 30th at half 7 in room AC 202, we will be going through our planned year ahead and when our training days and clinics will take place. We encourage you to tell any friends interested to come along also. There will be pizza followed by drinks in the college bar on the night. Hope to see you all there

FLAC Training: Training » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 18th November 2015

The first training lecture will take place this Wednesday, the 18th of November, at 3-4 in the large acoustics room in Aras Na Mac Leinn (Through the doors to the right of the Socs Box). Anyone wishing to participate in the legal clinics must attend. Hope to see you all there!!

FLAC Clinic: Other » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 26th January 2016

Hey folks, first FLAC clinic will be taking place tomorrow, Tuesday the 26th at half 6 in the wellness centre, at the back of the hub in Aras Na Macleinn, we encourage anyone wishing to seek legal advice or has any queries they wish to ask to come. Thank you!

FLAC Clinic: Other » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 16th February 2016

Next free legal advice clinic commences tomorrow at 6:30pm to 8pm in the Wellness Centre (Located in 'The Hub' in Aras Na Macleinn). Great opportunity to get some free one-on-one legal advice in any area of law from a practicing solicitor on the college campus! Refreshments afterwards

FLAC Clinic: Other » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 01st March 2016

Next clinic tonight at 7pm to 8pm in The Wellness Centre in The Hun in Aras Na MacLeinn. Open to any legal queries. Thank you

AGM: Social » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 05th April 2016

The FLAC AGM will be taking place at 5-6pm next Tuesday the 5th of April in the Large Acoustics Room in the Bailey Allen. We'll be voting in a committee for the coming year and going through the year past. Thank You

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Richard O'Hagan

Secretary: Andrew Barr

Student Liaison Officer: Alana Whelan

Vice-Auditor: Denis Forde

Treasurer: Eoghan Flynn

PRO: Ronan Molloy

Committee 2016/2017

Secretary: Andrew Barr

Auditor: Richard O'Hagan

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	362.88	Bank charge	€31.13
USC Grant	€500.00	Gifts	€55.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€22.50
		Promotions	€50.00
		Expenditure Total	€158.63
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€704.25
Total	€862.88	Total	€862.88

Mission Statement

FLAC undertakes to aim to provide free legal advice to any student who may have issues with tenancy law, criminal law, employment law etc.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Flac aims to:

Run clinics weekly;

Ensure that people are given helpful legal advice; and

Raise awareness among students at NUIG that our facility is available

Society Performance Reflection

FLAC Society was only mildly successful this year.

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

We achieved all of our aims, but to a limited extent.

We raised awareness, ran clinics, and gave advice- however we did not do any of these things to the extent that we had wanted to.

Greatest Success

The running of a class for Zambian students on will writing in order to raise awareness for the practice in Zambia.

Greatest Challenge

The greatest challenge we faced was raising sufficient awareness of the Clinics in order for demand to be high enough to justify the clinic.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 6 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 6 committee members.

Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 191 members. 2 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Foosball Society

As a new society we had a very enjoyable year. We upgraded from a provisional society to a full society in 2nd semester. We had weekly tournaments to encourage people to join and play foosball. We had a charity event with SSDP, DJ Soc and Baking soc.

Foosball Society Events list (19 Individual Events)

Foosball Tournament: Social » The Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn » 17th September 2015

The first foosball tournament takes place this Thursday in the Hub from 6pm. A great event to meet new people, play against friends, improve skills and most importantly eat pizza!

Foosball E.G.M: Social » it 125 » 24th September 2015

Foosball society EGM in IT125 at 6pm, to elect some new committee members and plan our events for the year. A great way to get involved in the society. There'll always be time for more foosball games in the Hub after the EGM of course.

Foosball Tournament: Social » The Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn » 01st October 2015

Foosball tournament held in the hub from 6pm-8pm, you can play friendly or competitive matches, meet new people and eat some pizza!

Foosball Games: Social » The Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn » 06th October 2015

Foosball games in the hub from 6-8, friendly or competitive, tea, coffee, sweets and maybe pizza too!

Foosball tournament: Social » The Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn » 08th October 2015

Foosball tournament in the hub from 6-8. More games, tea, coffee, biscuits and maybe pizza too!

Foosball Games: Social » The Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn » 13th October 2015

Foosball games in the hub from 6-8. Play against friends or strangers in friendly competition!

Foosball tournament: Social » The Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn » 15th October 2015

Singles or doubles tournament in the hub from 6-8, great way to play with friends or strangers, tea and coffee as usual!

Foosball tournament: Social » The Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn » 29th October 2015

Foosball tournament in the hub from 6-8pm. There will be prizes!

Foosball Tournament: Social » The Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn » 05th November 2015

Foosball tournament in the hub from 6-8pm, there will be prizes!

Foosball Tournament: Social » The Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn » 12th November 2015

Our final foosball tournament of the semester is on in the hub from 6-8 with a massive singles tournament, we'll have prizes!

Foosball Tournament: Social » The Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn » 21st January 2016

1st foosball tournament of the semester is on in the hub from 6, there will be prizes!

Foosball Tournament: Social » The Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn » 28th January 2016

Foosball tournament in the hub from 6pm, there will be prizes!

Foosball Tournament: Social » The Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn » 04th February 2016

Foosball tournament in the Hub, Aras na Mac leinn from 6. There will be pizza and prizes!

Foosball Tournament: Social » The Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn » 11th February 2016

Foosball tournament in the Hub, Aras na Mac leinn from 6. There will be pizza and prizes!

Foosball tournament: Social » The Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn » 18th February 2016

Foosball tournament in the hub from 6pm in the Hub! We'll have prizes and pizza!

Foosball: Social » The Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn » 03rd March 2016

Foosball in the hub, pizza and prizes as usual.

Foosball Tournament: Social » The Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn » 10th March 2016

Foosball tournament in the hub from 6, we'll have prizes and pizza!

AGM and Tournament: Social » The Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn » 07th April 2016

Foosball AGM and tournament in The Hub from 6pm. Committee positions are available plus there will be a tournament afterwards with pizza!

Committee 2015/2016

Secretary: Monica Loughnane

Auditor: Sean Reilly

OCM: David Byrne

Public Relations Officer: Leo Corcoran

OCM: Brian Dooley

Man of the Match: Eoin Maguire

Treasurer: Jekaterina Zenkevica

Vice-Auditor: Catherine Scanlon

Vice-Secretary: George Waweru

Events Manager: Luke Coughlan

OCM: Oisín McNamara

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Sean Reilly

Vice-Auditor: Eoin Maguire

Treasurer: Jekaterina Zenkevica

Secretary: Labhras Hernon

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	113.77	Bank charge	€15.65
USC Grant	€500.00	Dinner/Food	€286.83
		Equipment misc	€12.73
		Prizes	€18.18
		Expenditure Total	€333.39
		Closing Bank Balance	€280.38
Total	€613.77	Total	€613.77

Mission Statement

Our mission promote the sport of foosball. Along the way we hope to make lifelong friendships and unforgettable memories.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We want to grow the popularity of foosball and show people the immense fun you can have in this unique sport.

This year we hope to have even more tournaments and games than last year, with even better prizes!

Society Performance Reflection

We were very happy with our society over the past year. We were upgraded from a provisional society in first semester to a full society in second semester. We had two very successful Socs Day, in first semester we reached over 300 members. We held numerous tournaments throughout the year. We originally tried practice games on Tuesdays and tournaments on Thursday but we decided to continue throughout the year with just running tournaments on Thursdays. In Semester 1 we had tea/coffee at some of the tournaments and then prizes. During Semester 2 we had prizes for tournament winners and runners up and pizza for any member involved in the tournament.

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

We feel that we did achieve many of our aims, objective and goals for the society during the year. We grew the popularity of foosball. The amount of members in the society increased to over 300 after Socs Day in Semester 1. We feel that people who took part in the tournaments really enjoyed them. We enjoyed getting to know new people through the tournaments. We continued to provide more prizes for the tournaments. Boojum sponsored us with vouchers which we gave out to the winners of some of the tournaments.

Greatest Success

I think our greatest success was getting over 300 members on socs day in 1st semester. We increased our membership by over 200 members. It was more than we ever thought we could get.

Greatest Challenge

I would regard our greatest challenge during the year in the society was finding ways to have regular attendance at our tournaments and to ensure we had enough participants for fun and competitive tournaments and games. Getting beginners to attend regular events was hard as they may have felt it was for more advanced participants.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 11 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 11 committee members.

Foosball Society ALIVE Certificate		
<u>David Byrne</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	60 hours
<u>Monica Loughnane</u>	Secretary	60 hours
<u>Jekaterina Zenkevica</u>	Treasurer	65 hours
<u>Sean Reilly</u>	Auditor	70 hours
# ALIVE Students:	4 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	255 hours	

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 361 members. 11 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

French Soc

This year French Soc proved to be an extremely active and diverse society. French Soc promoted French language and culture by hosting French themed events, we have achieved our aim in welcoming visiting French speaking students and creating an environment for non native French students to meet French students and practice their French. We created an environment in which students who have never spoken French before, stood on stage speaking French, immersed themselves in French culture thanks to our Wine and Cheese evenings, our original play Voila, Olivia!, and multiple other events throughout the year.

French Society Events list (40 Individual Events)

Conversation Night: Social » Art Room » 28th September 2015

The first Conversation Class of the semester which will be hosted by Amandine.

Meet and Greet: Social » Large Acoustic » 01st October 2015

The first Meet and Greet of the Semester.

Conversation Class: Social » Art Room » 05th October 2015

Our weekly Conversation Class hosted by a native French Speaker, welcome to speakers of all levels!

Cheese and Ribena: Social » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 06th October 2015

Cheese and Ribena Night as a part of Mental Health Week.

Netflix et se reposer: Social » Meeting Room 1 » 08th October 2015

'Netflix et se reposer' - the beginning of French Movie Night Hosted by French Soc.

Conversation Class: Social » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 12th October 2015

Our weekly Conversation Class hosted by a native French Speaker, welcome to speakers of all levels!

Linguistic Games and Conversation Night: Social » Art Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 15th October 2015

Linguistic Games and Conversation Night hosted by Alex Murphy, French Soc Auditor!

Conversation Class: Social » Art Room » 19th October 2015

Our weekly Conversation Class hosted by a native French Speaker, welcome to speakers of all levels!

French Soc Conversation Night: Social » Busker Browns Bar » 21st October 2015

Bonjour tout le monde! French Soc are hosting a Conversation Night (a Français/Anglais exchange) in Busker Brownes Bar on Wednesday the 21st at 21.00. This night is open to all years with all levels of French; what's most important is that you'll be meeting other people who love French just as much as you do!(P.S: There's FREE FINGER FOOD)

FrenchSoc Cheese & Wine Night: Social » Sheridan's Cheesemonger and Wine Bar » 27th October 2015

Salut! FrenchSoc are proud to announce that we will be having our first Cheese & Wine Night of the year in Sheridan's on Tuesday 27th October, starting at 8:30 pm. Tickets for this fantastic event are available NOW (yes, now), from SocsBox at the exceptional price of €2! For this price, you will receive: - One complimentary glass of wine- The opportunity to sample some of Sheridan's finest cheese>(*Please note that one glass of wine is included in the price - subsequent glasses cost €5) Sheridan's Cheesemongers is located on Church Yard Street, directly opposite St. Nicholas' Church, just off Shop St. Nous espérons vous y voir! French Soc Committee x

French Soc Conversation Night: Social » Busker Browns Bar » 28th October 2015

Salut! French Soc are hosting a Conversation Night (a Français/Anglais exchange) in Busker Browne's on Wednesdays. This night is open to all years with all levels of French; what's most important is that you'll be meeting other people who love French just as much as you do!(P.S: There's FREE FINGER FOOD) See ye there : *French Soc Committee x

Halloween Themed French Conversation Night with Amandine: Social » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 29th October 2015
French Halloween Themed Night in the Cube with Amandine :)

French Soc Conversation Night: Social » Busker Browns Bar » 04th November 2015

Salut! French Soc are hosting a Conversation Night (a Français/Anglais exchange) in Busker Browne's on Wednesdays. This night is open to all years with all levels of French; what's most important is that you'll be meeting other people who love French just as much as you do!(P.S: There's FREE FINGER FOOD)See ye there :*French Soc Committee x

Le Petit Déjeuner: Social » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 09th November 2015

Le Petit Déjeuner hosted by French Soc, where you will be able to sample Traditional French Breakfast Foods from 9am until 12pm on Monday.

Cheese and Wine Night: Social » Sheridan Cheesemonger and Wine » 10th November 2015

Tickets for this event are €2, available from SocsBox.

Où est Wally: Arts & Culture » all around campus » 11th November 2015

Où est Wally : Find Wally and post a picture to the French Soc page to win a €10 Java's voucher! There will be 3 winners on the day!

FrenchSoc Conversation Night: Social » Busker Browns Bar » 11th November 2015

Salut! FrenchSoc are hosting a Conversation Night (a Français/Anglais exchange) in Busker Browne's on Wednesdays. This night is open to all years with all levels of French; what's most important is that you'll be meeting other people who love French just as much as you do!(P.S: There's FREE FINGER FOOD) See ye there :*French Soc Committee x

FrenchSoc Table Quiz: Social » Busker Brownes » 12th November 2015

FrenchSoc are hosting a Table Quiz with a French Twist in Busker Browne's at 20.00 on the 12th November. Entry costs €2 per person, with a MAX of 5 per table. Tickets available at SocsBox. There are some fantastic prizes on offer for the winning tables! For your ticket, you will receive:- The chance to compete for the title of French Soc Table Quiz CHAMPION- Free entry into FourFour afterwards!

FrenchSoc Conversation Night: Social » Busker Browns Bar » 18th November 2015

Salut! FrenchSoc are hosting a Conversation Night (a Français/Anglais exchange) in Busker Browne's on Wednesdays. This night is open to all years with all levels of French; what's most important is that you'll be meeting other people who love French just as much as you do!(P.S: There's FREE FINGER FOOD)See ye there :*French Soc Committee x

FrenchSoc Conversation Night: Social » Busker Browns Bar » 25th November 2015

Salut! FrenchSoc are hosting a Conversation Night (a Français/Anglais exchange) in Busker Browne's on Wednesdays. This night is open to all years with all levels of French; what's most important is that you'll be meeting other people who love French just as much as you do!(P.S: There's FREE FINGER FOOD) See ye there :* French Soc Committee x

Conversation Night Busker Brownes: Social » Busker Brownes » 13th January 2016

Weekly Conversation Night held in Busker Brownes

Voilà Olivia - Auditions: Arts & Culture » Aras na MacLéinn » 19th January 2016

Auditions for "Voila Olivia" will take place in Áras na Mac Léinn on Tuesday 19th in Meeting Room 1 from 3pm to 5pm and Wednesday will be in The Space from 9AM to 11AM.As this is a bilingual play, there are parts up for grabs in both French and English, so we're searching for actors who can speak either language - it's important to note that you do NOT need to have both languages to participate! We are also looking for people to do makeup, Costumes, Props, and Stage Hands. Any help is appreciated!

FrenchSoc EGM: Conference » Meeting Rooms » 19th January 2016

We are holding an EGM on Tuesday the 19th of January at 6 pm in the Meeting Rooms in Áras na MacLéinn. We have the position of Trips officer to fill and will be discussing the upcoming events we have planned for this semester. (There will be pizza!!)

Auditions - Voila Olivia: Arts & Culture » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 20th January 2016

Auditions for "Voila Olivia" will take place in Áras na Mac Léinn on Tuesday 19th in Meeting Room 1 from 3pm to 5pm and Wednesday will be in The Space from 9AM to 11AM. As this is a bilingual play, there are parts up for grabs in both French and English, so we're searching for actors who can speak either language - it's important to note that you do NOT need to have both languages to participate! We are also looking for people to do makeup, Costumes, Props, and Stage Hands. Any help is appreciated!

Conversation Night Busker Brownes: Social » Busker Brownes » 20th January 2016

Weekly Conversation Night held in Busker Brownes

Conversation Night Busker Brownes: Social » Busker Brownes » 27th January 2016

Weekly Conversation Night held in Busker Brownes

Quiz Night Busker Brownes: Social » Busker Brownes » 03rd February 2016

French Soc table quiz, tickets available at the SocsBox for €2 each, tables of 4 can be made up on the night if necessary. Table quiz takes place in Busker Brownes at 8pm on Wednesday.

Conversation Night Busker Brownes: Social » Busker Brownes » 10th February 2016

Weekly Conversation Night held in Busker Brownes

Une Nuit sous les Étoiles - French Soc/Astronomy Soc: Social » Ac203 » 11th February 2016

FrenchSoc and Astronomy Soc are teaming up this Valentine's Week to bring romance to NUIG with Une Nuit sous les Étoiles - A Night Under the Stars.

Conversation Night Busker Brownes: Social » Busker Brownes » 17th February 2016

Weekly Conversation Night held in Busker Brownes

Cheese & Wine Night: Social » Sheridans Wine and Cheese Mongers » 22nd February 2016

Salut tout le monde! We are holding our third Wine and Cheese Night of the Year on Monday the 22nd of February at 8.30pm in Sheridan's Wine and Cheese Mongers, tickets are available from the SocsBox for €2. You can avail of a glass of wine and sample some of Sheridan's finest cheese.

La Bête Humaine - French Film: Social » Meeting Rooms » 23rd February 2016

The first of two screenings of La Bête Humaine will take place at 8pm Tuesday the 23rd of February in The Meeting Rooms, upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn, this screening applies particularly to those who are in 2BA French studying the module - La France mise en scene.

Conversation Night Busker Brownes: Social » Busker Brownes » 24th February 2016

Weekly Conversation Night held in Busker Brownes

La Bête humaine - Film, Renoir: Arts & Culture » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 25th February 2016

The second screening of La Bete Humaine will take place on Thursday the 25th of February at 7.30pm in the Large Acoustic Room in Áras na MacLéinn, this screening will be of particular interest to 2BA French Students, all are welcome.

Conversation Night Busker Brownes: Social » Busker Brownes » 02nd March 2016

Weekly Conversation Night held in Busker Brownes

Le Petit Déjeuner: Social » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 07th March 2016

In the run up to Voilà, Olivia!, we thought we'd better start the week off right! In that light, we decided to provide a free French breakfast in the Large Acoustic Room Áras na Mac Léinn for anybody who calls in! Why not grab a croissant and relax before those dreaded Monday morning lectures? Nous espérons vous tous y voir! - French Soc Committee x

Voilà, Olivia!: Arts & Culture » BOI Theatre » 10th March 2016

Il est enfin arrivé - Voilà, Olivia! An original French Soc play written by our most fabulous Auditor, Alex Murphy. The story follows a typical Irish girl who finds herself in Paris, the people she meets, and the escapades they get up to. Light hearted, with witty social commentary, Voilà, Olivia! is an absolute must see. Showtimes : Thursday 10th of March, 8.30pm BOI Theatre and Friday 11th of March, 8pm BOI Theatre. Tickets €2 from SocsBox Venez nombreux :) - FrenchSoc Committee x

Voilà, Olivia!: Arts & Culture » BOI Theatre » 11th March 2016

Showtimes : Thursday 10th of March, 8.30pm BOI Theatre and Friday 11th of March, 8pm BOI Theatre. Tickets €2 from SocsBox Venez nombreux :) - FrenchSoc Committee x

EGM: Seminar » Meet at Smokey's » 14th March 2016

EGM from 17:00-19:00 for all society members. The EGM will be used to decide constitutional changes (if any) and to nominate specific people for society awards.

French Soc AGM: Conference » The Cube, Aras na Mac Leinn » 05th April 2016

French Soc are holding our AGM on Tuesday the 5th of April at 18.00 in the Cube. Please come along and join our committee, we would love to have you as a committee member for next year! Nous avons hâte de vous y voir

Committee 2015/2016

OCM: Eva Balfe

Vice-Auditor: Caitriona Brennan

Treasurer: Kevin Molyneaux

College of Medicine Rep: Aoife Coughlan

Public Relations Officer: Ciaran MacChoncarraige

College of Engineering Rep: Luke Egan

College of Arts Rep : Hilary Newcombe

Trips Officer: Mark Fitzgerald

Auditor: Alex Murphy

Final Year Rep: Michael Peyton

Secretary: Ciara Murphy

Events Officer: Megan O'Connor

OCM: Shannon Grimes

College of Science Rep: Niamh Burke

French Rep: Amandine Barthod

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: John Finn

Treasurer: Shannon Grimes

Co-Trips Officer: Alison Henehan

Co-Events Officer: David Martin

Public Relations Officer: Ciaran MacChoncarraige

Vice-Auditor: Luke Egan

Secretary: Shauna Moran

Co-Trips Officer: Robert Wall

Co-Events Officer: Jennifer Carberry

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,094.56	Bank charge	€89.75
Bank Charge	€29.00	Costumes	€272.15
Fundraising	€220.00	Dinner/Food	€446.24
Socs box Till	€1,090.00	Entertainment	€720.00
Sponsorship	€1,000.00	Hoodies	€225.00
Ticket Sales	€66.00	Materials	€45.91
USC Grant	€2,500.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€338.04
		Printing	€200.00
		Prizes	€56.11
		Promotions	€30.00
		Services Hired	€1,000.00
		Society accomm	€480.00
		Society transport	€450.00
		Socs Box Till Refund	€128.00
		Socs day expenses	€25.72
		Expenditure Total	€4,506.92
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,492.64
Total	€5,999.56	Total	€5,999.56

Mission Statement

'To promote, enhance and encourage the appreciation of French language and culture through an accessible array of activities, suited to a variety of audiences, while providing entertainment and enjoyment'

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We hope to increase our membership from last year, and encourage a more diverse range of participants within the society. We aim to stage a French Week which will draw a large amount of attention to the society. We look forward to our play in second semester, which will be bilingual, again welcoming all levels of acting ability and experience. We would love to win a prize at the Socs Ball, whatever it may be. Overall, we aim to have a fun and successful year full of French culture and experiences

Society Performance Reflection

Our society flourished and became an extremely diverse and active society this year, we increased our active membership drastically, staged our French Themed week, our Auditor wrote and directed a play, we won Most Improved Society at the Society Awards, for which I feel we very much earned.

The French Society fulfilled its aim of promoting French language events by holding weekly language exchange conversation nights (evenings of spoken French attended by native French speakers as well as Irish students, and even some visiting non-francophone students from countries such as Germany, Mexico and the US), French film screenings, conversation classes (hosted by a native French speaker) and staging an original bilingual play - 'Voila, Olivia!.

We fulfilled our aim of promoting French culture by hosting French-themed events such as wine and cheese nights, French breakfast mornings, a French-themed table quiz and a Valentine's-Day-themed 'Night Under the Stars' event (in collaboration with AstroSoc).

Our aim of welcoming visiting French-speaking students and creating an environment for non-native French students to meet French students and practice their French was fulfilled mainly by hosting a meet and greet (at the beginning of the academic year) and weekly language exchange conversation nights. Some visiting French students requested that we also hold a language exchange night in English, which we were delighted to do in an effort to welcome them (the very fact that they felt comfortable enough to ask us for this we regard as a sign that we made them feel comfortable in the society and confident that we would happily listen to their suggestions and oblige them).

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

- We increased our members substantially, had a large and diverse committee who encouraged a range of students to attend events and partake with the society.
- We held our 'French Week' as Themed Week, which proved to be a great success, French Themed events every day that week solidified ourselves as a sound and active society in the University. We saw familiar and new faces this week and continued, and will continue, to see many of them in future.
- We held an extremely successful original play written by our Auditor - Voila, Olivia! it included an extremely diverse cast, with many visiting students from the States, acting and working backstage, students who hadn't either spoken French before and got to learn some, students from podiatry, medicine, engineering, science, commerce were actors in the play which is a feat within a college so highly regarded for drama students. The play was extremely well received by both staff and students and alumni who applauded and laughed for two sold out shows in the BOI.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success has been the diversification and reach of our society due to the hard work and dedication of the committee. The committee were extremely focused in carrying out their given tasks and brought new ideas, talent and enthusiasm, throughout the year we remained very organised and have achieved an immense amount now that we are looking back on the year.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge within the society was momentary breakdown in communication between the large committee, although I feel the large dedicated committee was the main reason for having such an active society this year. We managed to overcome any communication issues throughout the year and made a group page and used polls, group chats and smaller more regular committee meetings to keep everyone up to date with jobs for whichever events assigned to them.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 15 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 14 committee members.

French Soc ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Kevin Molyneaux</u>	Treasurer	200 hours
<u>Siobhan Jordan</u>	OCM/Make Up	12 hours
<u>Alex Murphy</u>	Auditor	600 hours
<u>Niamh Burke</u>	College of Science Representative	50 hours
<u>Aoife Coughlan</u>	College of Medicine Representative	100 hours
<u>Ciaran MacChoncarraige</u>	PR Officer	250 hours
<u>Ciara Murphy</u>	Secretary	100 hours
<u>Eva Balfe</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	95 hours
<u>Mark Fitzgerald</u>	Trips Officer	30 hours
<u>Hilary Newcombe</u>	College of Arts Representative	30 hours
<u>Jack Fitzgerald</u>	Cast Member	30 hours
<u>Shannon Grimes</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	30 hours
<u>Cathal Ryan</u>	Volunteer	3 hours
<u>Megan O'Connor</u>	Volunteer	150 hours
<u>Caitriona Brennan</u>	Vice-Auditor	450 hours
# ALIVE Students:	15 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	2130 hours	

Other Information

We held 25 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 783 members. 14 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Friends of MSF

The NUIG Friends of MSF society has improved dramatically since the beginning of the 2015/2016 academic year. As an official student support organisation for Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) across the Ireland and the UK that is run on a voluntary basis, our society has been able to create outstanding achievements in terms of creating awareness, fundraising and student cooperation for MSF.

In the 2015/2016 academic year, the NUIG Friends of MSF society has managed to hold several events throughout the university, having different aims and objectives for each event. The first event held was a documentary screening on MSF volunteer doctors who works in dire environments throughout the world. The documentary entitled "Living in Emergency - Stories of Doctors Without Borders". This event aimed to promote the amazing humanitarian efforts done by MSF volunteer doctors - whom each comes from different walks of life - in hostile and harsh environments throughout the world, be them conflicts, famine, poverty and much more. The documentary screening also functioned to spread awareness pertaining MSF to NUIG students and staff and to welcome new members into the society.

The second event held was a Table Quiz and Pie-Eating Contest which was held at the College Bar, NUIG. All proceeds were directed to the current refugee crisis through the help of MSF Ireland organisation's help. The event proved to be a success as we received a great turn-up of participants and the activities planned were well-received and enjoyed by everyone. The third event held within the academic year was called TEDMED Live 2015. It was held at the Clinical Science Institute, Galway and was done in collaboration with the NUIG Cancer Society. It was a panel discussion event with short TED Talk video stimuli which functioned as topics for discussion by the panelists. The topics discussed were related to the current environmental, health,

psychological and social issues occurring in several locations throughout the world which transcended the boundaries of medicine alone, into the realms of social science, sociology, international health and health promotion. This event were received well by the attendees and proved to be beneficial and informative for all.

Our last event was the most focused event for the year. It was the society's major project that collaborated with other NUIG societies such as IKRAM society, Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS, MSc) society, Emergency Medical Students Society of Ireland (EMSSI), the Irish Forum of Global Health (IFGH), and MA Gender, Globalisation and Rights class. The event was called as the Refugee Awareness Week (RAW) and it was held from March 7th 2016 to March 10th 2016. Within the week, several activities were outlined such as bake sale and awareness day, fundraising and awareness pertaining the International Women's Day (March 8th 2016) on the second day, interactive panel discussion on the third day, and an outreach day on the last day of RAW.

The Refugee Awareness Week (RAW) turned out to be a major success from the beginning of the event to the end. On day one of RAW, RAW stickers were distributed all over the university for NUIG students to wear as a sign of solidarity and awareness on the ongoing global refugee crisis occurring throughout the world such as Syria, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Serbia and Burundi, to name a few. A bake sale was also held at the Clinical Science Institute (CSI) to raise funds for the refugees on the same day. On day two of RAW, fundraising was held at the four medical academies throughout Ireland which are Sligo, Castlebar, Portlincula, and Letterkenny. Since this day was also known as the International Women's Day, attention was also given to the sufferings of female refugees and the extra burdens that they have to endure in terms of mental health, sexual abuse, reproductive health concerns and children and family responsibilities. The Interactive Panel Discussion event was held on the third day of RAW at AM250 (Á hEocha) lecture theatre, Arts Millennium building, NUIG. This event discussed on the global refugee crisis from many professional perspectives, thanks to our diverse group of panelists, who impressed the audience with their excellent knowledge and ability to find linkages of ideas among their different specialties. The discussion was well received by the audience and was able to highlight the concerns and pure humanity relating the refugee crisis at individual, society, national and international levels. Lastly, an interactive outreach day was held at the Bailey Allen Hall, Áras na Mac Léinn, NUIG. This event focused primarily on Transition Year (TY) students from a few secondary schools in Galway City. The aim of this event was to create awareness and provide information on the current global refugee crisis to secondary school students to promote the ideas of international concerns and humanitarian acts. Several stations were set up in the venue, all of which provide insights on the predicaments and circumstances in the life of a refugee. Some of the stations designed were refugee rescue boat station, refugee makeshift shelter station, station for a talk by MSF's volunteer doctor, Dr. Eileen Sweeney, station for a presentation by the Irish Navy, and a station comparing the Irish healthcare supply versus a refugee's healthcare supply. In conclusion, the Refugee Awareness Week (RAW) event proved to be an astounding success, thanks to the cooperation and leadership of the society's committee members, and management and cooperation of Socs Box and Buildings office for making this event a reality.

In essence, the 2015/2016 academic year has been a very productive and improved year for the society holistically. The members of the society have gained priceless knowledge from all the meetings, discussions, events and activities done, and we are now more motivated to hold future events than ever! We hope to make the NUIG Friends of MSF society a more successful society in the future due to the motivation that we have in creating awareness on the need to help others in need. Such motivation is the ethos instilled within the foundation of the MSF organisation itself that is; "The World is Our Emergency Room".

Friends of MSF Society Events list (9 Individual Events)

AGM: Other » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 16th September 2015

Table Quiz in aid of the Refugee Crisis: Charity » College bar » 20th October 2015

We will be hosting a table quiz alongside Students for Health Equality in aid of the current refugee crisis. We have some great prizes for the winning teams as well as some fantastic raffle spot prizes. We're even doing a pie-eating contest so you won't want to miss that! Bring a few friends and help us to support this great cause!

Friends of MSF Social Night: Social » Galway, Galway City, Planet Entertainment Centre » 12th November 2015

TEDMED Live 2015: Conference » Large Lecture Theatre, Clinical Sciences Institute » 24th November 2015

Friends of MSF and CancerSoc will be jointly screening talks from the TEDMED 2015 Conference in the CSI on 24 Nov, 7pm! Friends of MSF will also have a panel to provide commentary / help clarify any questions you might have. Entry is FREE and there'll be some Mr Waffle there as well, courtesy of our friends in MedSoc.

Friends of MSF EGM Meeting: Other » Meeting Room 2, Áras na Mac Léinn » 20th January 2016

Hi there! We'll be having our EGM meeting on this date and time. Join us and let's get to know Friends of MSF better. There'll also be pizza! See you there!

Refugee Awareness Week (RAW): Social » Áras na Mac Léinn » 07th March 2016

Friends of Médecins Sans Frontières presents: Refugee Awareness Week (RAW). The National University of Ireland, Galway (NUIG)'s Friends of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) is hosting a Refugee Awareness Week (RAW)- March 7-th 10th. This initiative is to promote awareness surrounding the refugee crisis to not only NUIG students but also secondary school students from the Galway community. Day One of RAW (Monday March 7th) Awareness, Awareness, Awareness! Wear your #RAW sticker throughout campus! Let's let the students of NUIG know we are informed! Day Two of RAW (Tuesday March 8th) Promotion from afar! Academies will be collecting donations that will go directly to supporting the current refugee crisis. Day Three of RAW (Wednesday March 9th, 7pm-9pm; AM250 lecture theatre, Arts Millennium building) We will be hosting a diverse panel discussion! Come and learn about the refugee crisis and gain insight from a very diverse group of panelists with varying backgrounds such as ethics, law and global health. Day Four of RAW (Thursday March 10th, 12pm- 1pm; Bailey Allen Hall) The morning of Day four is dedicated to community outreach, educating secondary students from the Galway community. After which all NUIG students are invited to stop by the Bailey Allen and learn more about how Ireland and MSF are involved in the current refugee crisis.

Refugee Awareness Week (RAW) Panel Discussion: Conference » AM250 (Ó hEocha) » 09th March 2016

In conjunction with Refugee Awareness Week (RAW), Friends of MSF is hosting a diverse panel discussion on Wednesday March 9th 2016 at AM250 (Ó hEocha) lecture theatre, first floor of Arts Millennium building. Our panel of esteemed speakers from varying educational backgrounds will discuss the refugee crisis from their unique professional perspectives. This is an event not to miss! Snacks, coffee and tea will be provided. Event moderator: Dr. Diarmuid O'Donovan (Senior Lecturer In Social & Preventive Medicine) Panelists: - Prof. Martin Cormican (Professor, Dept. of Bacteriology)- Prof. Máire Connolly (Adjunct Professor of International Health)- Dr. Louise Campbell (Lecturer in Medical Ethics)- Dr. Ciara Smyth (Lecturer in Public International Law, International Human Rights and Immigration Law, and Refugee Law at the Irish Centre for Human Rights)- Dr. Eileen Sweeney (MSF Volunteer Doctor for the Malaria Emergency Response Unit in Katanga province in Southern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Refugee Awareness Week (RAW) Outreach Day: Conference » Bailey Allen Hall Aras na Mac Leinn » 10th March 2016

Day Four of RAW (Thursday March 10th 2016, 12pm- 1pm; Bailey Allen Hall) The morning of day four is dedicated to community outreach, educating secondary students from the Galway community, and all of NUIG staff and students. Stop by the Bailey Allen and learn more about how Ireland and MSF are involved in the current refugee crisis.

Friends of MSF Annual General Meeting (AGM): Conference » Meeting Room 1, Aras na Mac Leinn » 29th March 2016

We will be having our Annual General Meeting (AGM) to elect the new committee for the upcoming semester (September 2016). We are inviting current society members and new ones to add more people into the society and to make sure that the society strives even further in the future from the foundation and momentum that we have built so far! There will also be pizza! Everyone is welcomed!

Committee 2015/2016

Secretary: Ahmad Haziq Abdul Shukor

Co-Auditor Semester 1: Lisa Kelly

Secretary Semester 1: Daragh McGee

Events Officer: Daniel Jia Hui Lim

Events Officer: Aidan Graham

OCM: Evelyn Fennelly

OCM: Eva O'Reilly

OCM: Lee Yen Xian

OCM: Laura O'Connell

Vice-Auditor: Ciara Clarke

OCM: Ciara Mawson

OCM: Sinead Carlson

Auditor Semester 1: Isabella Gresswell

Treasurer: Rawan Elhelali

Newsletter Officer: Eimear Dunne

PRO: Patrick Hynes-Foy

Auditor: Sarah Hutchings

OCM: Amelia Hogan

Newsletter sub-committee: Jane Ni Dhubhchonna

OCM: Genevieve Leon

OCM: Eileen Shannon

OCM: Rosemary James

OCM: Lisa Duffy

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Sarah Hutchings

Vice-Auditor: Ciara Clarke

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	2,385.94	Bank charge	€52.39
Bank Charge	€38.00	Dinner/Food	€416.00
Fundraising	€1,228.80	Entertainment	€154.00
Sponsorship	€500.00	Fundraising / Charity	€1,228.80
USC Grant	€500.00	Gifts	€144.44
		Materials	€17.82
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€85.76
		Promotions	€163.65
		Reception	€135.35
		Expenditure Total	€2,398.21
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,254.53
Total	€4,652.74	Total	€4,652.74

Mission Statement

Through educational and fun events NUIG's Friends of MSF society strives to raise awareness and funds for MSF.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

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

Society Performance Reflection

The NUIG Friends of MSF society has improved significantly for this year. We managed to have more frequent meetings and hold more events throughout the year. The events held throughout the year were a huge success and were well received by the NUIG public. Some of the events hosted by us were a documentary screening on MSF volunteer doctors, Table Quiz and Pie-Eating Contest, TEDMED Live 2015, and Refugee Awareness Week (RAW). All in all, the success of our events was due to the cooperation and hard work of the committee members who were willing to lend a hand and contribute their skills. We have grown closer in friendship and professionally. In essence, all of us have been committed to the society and everyone seems to enjoy being a part of this society.

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

We are happy and proud to say that we have achieved all of our aims which are:

- Raise awareness: We managed to raise awareness on MSF and the current global refugee crisis among NUIG students from the events held.
- Raise funds: We managed to raise funds for MSF and the refugee crisis from the events held as well.
- Encourage students to be part of MSF: Due to the event promotions that we have done, we managed to get NUIG students as new members of our society. They are a great addition to our society indeed!

Greatest Success

The society's greatest success will definitely be to make the society more well-known among the NUIG public and to make the society as functional and active society in the university. With all the events done throughout the academic year, the NUIG Friends of MSF society has been able to make itself well-known and to have new members being a part of it. Our major event for this year, the Refugee Awareness Week (RAW) proved to be a huge success with great reception from the NUIG public. Due to this, we managed to promote awareness on the current global refugee crisis, raise funds for MSF and refugee groups, and incorporate new members into the society to continue our strive for humanitarian work. This is a great achievement indeed!

Greatest Challenge

The greatest challenge had would have to be coordinating the Refugee Awareness Week (RAW) event (our biggest project for the year). This is because the project requires proper liaison with lecturers from different departments within the university, secondary schools in Galway City, planning of props and equipments and promotion, all of which require cooperation and hardwork from each committee member. Fortunately, the event turned out to be a great success due to the committee members' full support and cooperation!

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 25 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 23 committee members.

Friends of MSF ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Rosemary James</u>	Fundraiser	5 hours
<u>Isabella Gresswell</u>	Co Auditor	27 hours
<u>Sarah Hutchings</u>	Auditor	100 hours
<u>Lisa Kelly</u>	Co- Auditor, Ordinary Committee Member	35 hours
<u>Ahmad Haziq Abdul Shukor</u>	Secretary	100 hours
<u>Ciara Clarke</u>	Vice Auditor	100 hours
<u>Patrick Hynes-Foy</u>	Public Relations Officer	40 hours
<u>Rawan Elhelali</u>	Treasurer	80 hours
<u>Lisa Duffy</u>	Volunteer	15 hours
<u>Evelyn Fennelly</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	30 hours
<u>Aoife O'Brien</u>	Volunteer, Fundraiser	5 hours
<u>Eileen Shannon</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	15 hours
# ALIVE Students:	12 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	552 hours	

Other Information

We held 30 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 466 members. 23 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

G-eos

This year G-EOS brought one of its best society years yet to the students of NUIG. One of the biggest names in modern geology (Dr. Iain Stewart) visited the college and gave a guest lecture hosted by G-EOS. Many more guest lecturers gave interesting lectures during the academic year on topics such as the moon and Antarctic research. Fun movie nights were organised for society members and it was an overall good experience for interaction between members, as students, lecturers and people of the public all had the chance to meet and converse about their common interest in the society. G-EOS this year had the privilege to assist in the 59th Irish Geological Research Meeting (IGRM). This was a great experience as over 250 people from different colleges in Ireland, and internationally, came to NUIG for three days. This was a great year and provided all members with a great experience.

G-eos Society Events list (5 Individual Events)

Film evening: Social » Quadrangle » 03rd November 2015

The aim of the event is to play a selected BBC science documentary film produced and narrated by Professor Iain Stewart, Ambassador of Earth Sciences. The event hopes to draw interest to the guest talk given by Professor Stewart hosted by G-eos in the following week as well as to provide a place and time for members to prepare for the big event.

Guest talk given by Professor Iain Stewart, BBC Science Programmes Presenter: Seminar » AM250 » 09th November 2015

The event features a guest talk delivered by Professor Iain Stewart, Professor of Geoscience Communication, University of Plymouth known to the public as BBC Science programme Presenter. He is geology's "rock star" and many student studying Earth science hope to follow his pioneering footsteps and achieve similar successes. Geos and the Discipline of Earth and Ocean Sciences feel privileged to host Professor Stewart and hope to further spread the University's excellent reputation. The talk, titled 'Between a Rock and a Hard Place: communicating geology to society aims to provide an insight to geoscientific knowledge and understanding lies at the heart of the most critical societal issues that face us in the 21st century. Venue: Room AM250, Colm O'hEocha Theatre. Date: 9th November, Time: 7pm with reception providing tea, coffee and beverages. Due to the huge interest raised by the event booking seat is unavoidable. Please book your seat at www.eventbrite.ie

G-eos Seminar Series (as part of Earth & Ocean Science Week), Day 2: Seminar » IT125G » 17th November 2015

Come join us in IT 125G for the second day of our seminar series hosted by Marine Soc. and G-eos (Galway Earth & Ocean Soc.) Tonight speakers are Dr Alessandra Costanzo and Prof Martin Feely who give an introduction to the wonderful, colourful world of gemstone and their geological settings, followed by Dr Shane Tyrrell inviting us to participate in detective work and try to find "the origins of sediments". The program of the evening: 7- 7.30 pm: Dr Alessandra Costanzo: Gem minerals: Study methods 7.30- 8 pm: Prof Martin Feely: Gem minerals: Geological case studies. Tea/ coffee break with a little treat (approximately 15 mins) 8.20- 9 pm: Dr Shane Tyrrell: "Burying my head in the sand."-Researching the origins of sediment. Anyone interested to pursue career in Geo-sciences should make sure not to miss the talk series.

The Early Solar System presented by Dr Ian Sanders from Trinity College: Seminar » MRI 201 » 10th February 2016

Geos are privileged to announce a sensational event co-hosted with Astrosoc: Dr. Ian Sanders from Trinity college delivers a guest lecture on the "birth and early years" of the Solar System. Here is a little flavour from the talk: "Common stony meteorites (called chondrites) are conventionally regarded as fragments of asteroids that were formed at the outset of the solar system because they have the same condensed element chemistry as the Sun. I believe instead that chondrites are made from debris left over from collisions between small molten planetary bodies as they merged to make larger ones and eventually planets." (Dr Ian Sanders) If you find the above extract interesting then the seminar is for you where you could hear much more exciting fact of our Solar System :)The event takes place at 7 pm on Wednesday, 10th February in MRI Annexe (MRI 201)The seminar is opened with a reception serving cheese and light refreshments at 6:30 pm front of the lecture hall and to provide time and place for further discussion after the talk, we are planning to relocate in the town where we can converse about interesting facts accompanied with refreshments. Dr Sanders also brings rock samples from the Moon that reside at Trinity College and travels between the universities & colleges in the state for teaching purposes. These specimens are the fraction of the some 22kg rocks, soil and cores collected by Apollo 11 and distributed among universities over the world. We are hoping to see you there whether you study about rocks or the universe or just simply interested in "what is out there".

Annual General Meeting: Conference » A206 » 12th April 2016

Come along to our AGM in the Quadrangle to get involved with GEOS, and become part of the committee for next year!

Committee 2015/2016

Vice-Auditor: Sean Daly
Treasurer: Thomas Fegan
PRO: Jonah Faulkner

Secretary: Emmett Hart
Health and Safety Officer: Daniel Eikrem
Auditor: Monika Meszaros

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Benjamin Dannhoff
Treasurer: Aoife Cushen
Health and safety officer: Kevin McGookin
Ordinary committee member: Orlaith Lacey
Ordinary committee member: Laura Reilly
Fourth year class representative: Emmett Hart

Secretary: Katie Daly
Assistant Treasurer : Michelle O'Reilly
Ordinary committee member: Molli Buckley
Ordinary committee member: Alanis Kerr
third year class representative : Niamh Ni Chearrbhallain

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	2,411.63	Bank charge	€19.54
USC Grant	€2,000.00	Dinner/Food	€355.30
		Gifts	€82.65
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€133.96
		Reception	€215.79
		Returned Socs Money	€1,000.00
		Socs day expenses	€30.00
		Speaker accomm	€144.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,981.24
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,430.39
Total	€4,411.63	Total	€4,411.63

Mission Statement

GEOS, The Galway Earth and Ocean Society is primarily interested in promoting and supporting the Earth & Ocean sciences and uniting people with similar interests and goals throughout the University and Galway at large.

We also provide students with activities like organising lecture seminars with local - or abroad-based lecturers, fun trips away to places of scientific interest in Ireland or abroad and event evenings throughout the year.

Through the work of our society we strive to create a greater appreciation and understanding of earth science on campus and in the local area.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

GEOS aims to become a bigger society than ever this year. Our primary aims are to enhance the student experience through educational excursions, guest speakers and social event evenings. We aim to unite people interested in our planet; and learn, meet new people and have some fun along the way.

Society Performance Reflection

GEOS done very well this year as we had great speakers come and give talks on interesting topics. We had international speakers who are held in high esteem in the earth science community and this was an extremely high end event and pulled together all of ours members and members of the public as well.

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

We achieved our goals of becoming a larger society this year as we had larger numbers than previous years join our society. We held guest speaking events and movie nights and got to both educate and have fun with our members. We had fun while bringing educational events and getting to know our society members.

Greatest Success

We would regard our event with Dr Ian Stewart as our greatest success this year as the guest lecture had almost 250 people attend it and this was something extraordinary as we don't think any other society has held a guest lecture of this caliber.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge was trying to pull everyone together for the IGRM weekend in February. This required a lot of volunteers and coordinated work. I feel we not only accomplished this work but we excelled in it and beat the challenge.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 6 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 6 committee members.

G-eos ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Sean Daly</u>	Vice-Auditor	30 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	30 hours	

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 435 members. 5 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Game of Thrones Society

The society became inactive in Semester 2 and did not complete the end of year report.

Game of Thrones Society Events list (5 Individual Events)

GOT Season 1 screening: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 04th November 2015

So each Wednesday for the next month we'll be screening two consecutive episodes of GOT for your enjoyment . Come along to the Kirwan Theatre from 6-8pm to experience GOT episodes in a relaxed, cinematic environment. This week we'll be watching s1 e2 "The Kingsroad" and e3 "Lord Snow". Hope to see you there.

GOT Season 1 screening: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 11th November 2015

So each Wednesday for the next month we'll be screening two consecutive episodes of GOT for your enjoyment . Come along to the Kirwan Theatre from 6-8pm to experience GOT episodes in a relaxed, cinematic environment. This week we'll be watching s1 episode 4 and episode 5 "The Wolf and the Lion". Hope to see you there.

GOT Season 1 screening: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 18th November 2015

So each Wednesday for the next month we'll be screening two consecutive episodes of GOT for your enjoyment. Come along to the Kirwan Theatre from 7-9pm to experience GOT episodes in a relaxed, cinematic environment. . Hope to see you there.

GOT Season 1 screening: Other » McMunn Theatre » 25th November 2015

So each Wednesday for the next month we'll be screening two consecutive episodes of GOT for your enjoyment . Come along to the McMunn Theatre from 6-8pm to experience GOT episodes in a relaxed, cinematic environment. Hope to see you there.

GOT Season 1 screening: Other » Dillon Theatre » 02nd December 2015

So each Wednesday for the next month we'll be screening two consecutive episodes of GOT for your enjoyment . Come along to the Dillon Theatre from 6-8pm to experience GOT episodes in a relaxed, cinematic environment. Hope to see you there.

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Oissine O'Murchadha

Vice-Auditor: Ellen Whyte

Grand Maester: Nia Frazer

OCM: Navian Lee Viknaswaran

PRO: Samuel Lee

Secretary: Gertruda Ceburnyte

Treasurer: Sarah Doherty

OCM: Liam Dalton

OCM: Kuan Hao Yee

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Oissine O'Murchadha

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0.00	Bank charge	€45.80
USC Grant	€250.00		
		Expenditure Total	€45.80
		Closing Bank Balance	€204.20
Total	€250.00	Total	€250.00

Mission Statement

Provide an opportunity to anyone who wishes to have fun in a GOT themed community.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- 1) Screen all episodes
- 2) Organise GOT hoodies for our members
- 3) Organise table-quizzes
- 4) Bring in guest speakers involved with GOT
- 5) Have a GOT themed party
- 6) Collaborate with other societies

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 9 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 0 committee members.

Game of Thrones Society ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Kuan Hao Yee</u>	OCM	15 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	15 hours	

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 590 members. We have yet to complete the end of year survey.

Geography Soc

This year we continued to re-establish the Geography Society @NUIGeography on campus. We liaised with other societies on campus and held a joint event with the Archaeology Society in order to encourage interaction between different student disciplines. We will also be holding a beach clean up event over the summer months. Our society will continue next year with a new committee and strengthen itself over time to become a full society.

Geography Society Events list (1 Individual Events)

Arch Soc/Geography Soc End of Year Soirée: Social » Galway, Galway, Galway City Museum » 21st April 2016

Arch Soc/Geography Soc End of Year Soirée will begin at the Galway City Museum and then move to another location for afters.

Committee 2015/2016

Secretary: Frances Carter

Auditor: Guillermo Castro Camba

Treasurer: Yuting Meng

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Guillermo Castro Camba

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,958.75	Bank charge	€31.50
		Dinner/Food	€504.85
		Entertainment	€100.00
		Society transport	€900.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,536.35
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€422.40
Total	€1,958.75	Total	€1,958.75

Society Performance Reflection

We were active in engaging with other societies. However, as those on the committee only took over in January, we will more active next year.

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

Objective 1.1: This continues to be met daily. We have a strong presence through email and have liaised with other societies.

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.

Objective 1.3 We did engage with other societies and made some ground but a lot of work remains to be done here.

Greatest Success

The interaction and agreement for future events with the Archeology Society

Greatest Challenge

Getting engagement from those in the society and trying to motivate students.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 3 committee members.

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 132 members. 2 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

German Soc

The German Society at NUI Galway is a society set up to promote the German language and culture primarily at the university, but also in the wider community in Galway. As a Society we hope that we can encourage native students to engage more with German Studies, and also for German students (whether on Erasmus or choosing to study here full-time) to become more involved with Irish culture. In essence we would like to foster German-Irish relations. In addition, we would like to extend that cultural exchange to students of all nationalities at the university through the events we organise as a Society.

German Society Events list (14 Individual Events)

German Soc Meet & Greet: Social » AM 110 » 14th September 2015

German Soc Meet and Greet. Come and find out all about the society and lets make plans for the coming year and see what committee positions will be up for grabs!! Tickets are now on sale at the socsbox for our boat trip on Sept 30th on the Corrib Princess, tickets €10 includes food. Arts Millennium Room 110 @ 6 PM

German Soc EGM: Social » AM 110 » 22nd September 2015

Our German Society EGM meeting will be next Tuesday at 6.00 p.m. in AM110 We will be discussing the Committee and the Boat Trip event that we have coming up. Get your tickets for the Boat Trip at the Socs Box in Aras na Mac Leinn.

Boat trip: Social » Galway, Galway, Meeting at the Cathedral » 30th September 2015

The German Soc Boat Trip is taking place on Wednesday, the 30th September from 6pm-8pm. The group will be meeting at the Cathedral at 5.45pm. Tickets are now on sale in the Socs Box. Tickets cost 10 euro and include food.

Oktoberfest Party: Social » College bar » 15th October 2015

Dust off the Lederhosen and Dirndls!! Our big Oktoberfest party will be held in the College bar. Starting at 5pm. Prizes for best dressed

Tandem Partnership: Social » Galway, 15-17 Augustine Street, Galway City, De Burgos Bar and Club » 28th October 2015

We are setting up a Tandem Partnership Programme to help German students who want to improve their English and Irish students studying German with their language skills. And of course to get to know each other in a laid back atmosphere. There will be a Quiz with prizes on the evening. Please contact germansoc@socs.nuigalway.ie for more info!

Tandem Meeting at De Burgo's: Social » Galway, 15-17 Augustine Street, Galway City, De Burgo's » 28th October 2015

Hallo Leute! Am 28. Oktober um 20 Uhr findet unseres Tandempartner-Treffen statt. Es soll ein toller Abend sein, mit Musik, Quizzes und viel Spaß! Also kommen bitte und genießen das Sprachenlernen in einer gemütlichen und lockeren Atmosphäre! Alle Grammatikfehler sind herzlich willkommen! Hello everyone! On the 28th of October at 8 p.m our tandem partner meet-up is happening! It promises to be a great event, with music, quizzes and lots of fun! Come on by and enjoy speaking the languages in a cosy and casual atmosphere! All grammatical errors are welcome! Viele Grüße/Warm regards, Isobel Smyth Vice-Secretary of the German Society, NUI Galway

Deposit Collection for Berlin Trip: Other » Colm Ó hEocha » 16th November 2015

Christmas Market and Party: Social » Galway, Eyre Square, Christmas Market (Paulaner Tents) » 26th November 2015

On Thursday evening we will meet up at the Christmas market. Remember to wear your Christmas jumpers! There will be a prize for the best jumper.

Pre-Berlin Trip Meet-up: Other » Colm O'hEocha theatre (Arts Millennium) » 14th January 2016

We will be discussing the upcoming Berlin trip, and answering any questions which people may have in relation to the trip.

Berlin Trip: Other » Germany, Berlin, Pangae Hostel » 21st January 2016

Our annual trip abroad will take place to Berlin. All places are taken. Bus leaving from the Cathedral at 3am on Thursday morning returning Sunday late. Remember to BRING PASSPORTS.

Filmabend/Film evening: Other » IT125 » 24th February 2016

There will be a Film Abend on Wednesday night at 6.30 in IT125 which is in the IT building just off the concourse. This weeks film is Sonnen alle and it is set in Berlin in the 70's all set around the Berlin Wall. Its a great watch and it will have English subtitles.

Karaoke Night: Social » College bar » 09th March 2016

Hallo Leute! We're hosting a karaoke night in the College Bar on Wednesday 9th April @ 8 p.m. Bring your opera voice or your wailing cat voice! There will of course be German songs to sing along to just for fun... All are welcome :) and if you don't want to sing, that's okay too, we have finger food! Wir freuen uns auf euch! Isobel Smyth (Vice Secretary, German Soc)

BBQ Boat trip: Social » Galway, Oughterard, TBA » 06th April 2016

Hi, Our final social event of the year will be our 2nd boat trip this academic year a first for the society. This time it will be on the Corrib Queen with Corrib cruises going from Oughterard we will be leaving Galway at 5pm on a bus meeting at the Cathedral. Once we get back in Galway we will be having a BBQ in O'Connells Pub and Beer Garden Eyre Square. Tickets are available in the Socs Box for 10 Euro with all profits going to charity. Come along as we want to say a huge thank you to all our members for a brilliant year. 10 Euro includes admission onto the boat plus a full barbecue(burgers,sausages,salads)!

EGM: Other » O'Flaherty » 11th April 2016

Come along to our EGM in the O'Flaherty Theatre at 6pm it's our final meeting as a society for the year. Pre-Committee positions up for grabs so if you are interested or want more info please email germansoc@socs.nuigalway.ie. Also on the night we will be ratifying our new constitution. Refreshments will also be served.

Committee 2015/2016

Vice Secretary: Isobel Smyth
Vice-Auditor: Karen Jacob
Secretary: Katrina Crampton
Safety Officer: Amanda Budzyk
Vice P.R.O: Emma Cleere

Auditor: David McNulty
Treasurer: Stefan Kilroy
Vice Treasurer: Chloe Murphy
P.R.O: Lucyna Dreier
Vice-Safety Officer: Laura Wilson

Committee 2016/2017

Caretaker Auditor: Seosamh Gorham
Caretaker Treasurer: Thomas Hurley
Caretaker Safety Officer: Amanda Budzyk

Caretaker Secretary: Nuala Murphy
Caretaker PRO: Hugh Hogan

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,151.28	Bank charge	€83.78
Socs box Till	€820.00	Dinner/Food	€575.00
Ticket Sales	€5,550.00	Entertainment	€550.00
USC Grant	€3,000.00	Hire Bus	€200.00
		Materials	€270.00
		Phone	€20.00

		Prizes	€200.00
		Received Money Returned	€60.00
		Services Hired	€500.00
		Society accomm	€1,943.70
		Society transport	€5,619.20
		Socs day expenses	€13.38
		Expenditure Total	€10,035.06
		Closing Bank Balance	€486.22
Total	€10,521.28	Total	€10,521.28

Mission Statement

To cultivate and promote Germany's culture, customs, language and social activities

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- To help German and Irish students together to improve on their spoken language.
- Introduce German culture to students who would not have experienced it
- To promote German language along with the different university departments
- To share experience of learning a language and ways to constantly improve language skills and culture awareness.

Society Performance Reflection

The German Society ran a number of successful events throughout the academic year 2015/2016. Our first event was the yearly boat trip in September 2015 along the River Corrib. There was huge demand for tickets at the time and they sold very quickly. The boat trip itself was a huge success, with celebrations continuing in the Skeffington Arms afterwards. Many people were coming to me (Isobel Smyth) afterwards, telling me how much they enjoyed it.

Our second event was the Tandem/Quiz night in De Burgo's. We had hoped that, by pairing native German and English speakers together before the event, it would lead to a successful language exchange, but unfortunately people did not follow up on meetings after the event. In spite of this, the night itself was very enjoyable for everyone involved and people did have the opportunity for a language exchange while mingling before the quiz took place.

We also had a small get-together for Oktoberfest, as the festival was being celebrated in Galway at the time, and furthermore another small event at the Galway Christmas Market. We also organised a trip to Berlin, which was an excellent opportunity for current 1st and 2nd Year students of German to get a taste of what it would be like to go on Erasmus, as this is compulsory as a language student. This trip was a challenge to organise as there are many factors to take into consideration (passports, plane tickets, accommodation, student welfare, et cetera) but it turned out to be a success and a memorable trip for everyone involved.

Our third major event was the Karaoke Night in the College Bar at NUI Galway. This was great fun because the whole bar became involved with the singing, not just German society members.

Our upcoming event is another boat trip on the 6th of April and we hope that this will be a good opportunity to enjoy the nice weather!

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

It is first of all important to acknowledge that the German language is not widely spoken in the Galway area and therefore we were presented with a challenge from the very beginning with regard to the promotion of the German language and culture in the university and wider community. However, we had all studied in Germany as part of the Erasmus programme the year previously, and within us was a desire to maintain our own connections with Germany once we had returned to Ireland to finish our studies.

Our first active attempt to make a direct German-Irish connection was the Tandem/Quiz Night. In itself, this event was a success, but it was difficult to try and maintain the cultural and language exchange as we had left it to the individuals themselves to make contact with each other after we had paired them up, and unfortunately many did not make contact with one another after the event.

Nonetheless, we did intend that people bond and have fun at these events, not merely just improve their language skills. We had many Erasmus students come to our events, if not to improve their German, at least to get to know some of the Irish students. In many German universities, there is a tandem programme in which an Exchange/Erasmus student is paired with one of the native students in a bid to get to know the language, culture and the local area. Through organising this event we hoped that we might replicate this idea and thereby allow for students to get to know each other better. While many did not get into direct contact with each other after the event, we saw that the same people often came to events following, such as the Karaoke Night in the College Bar. While things may not have gone exactly according to plan in terms of fostering the German language and culture at the university, we have played an indirect role in the bonding process between Irish and Erasmus students in general.

Greatest Success

The positive experiences have been numerous, however the one, which stands out most is the trip to Berlin in January 2016 with the members of the German Society. There is always a huge demand for such trips within the student body of NUIG, so as anticipated, the forty places available filled up almost immediately. On reflection, every student that went on this trip had a positive experience and enjoyed it thoroughly. In such a diverse city, there is something for everyone and the activities we took part in certainly reflected this. Ideally, the events organised by the university’s societies should have the purpose of impacting the university itself, its students and the local, national or international community. The German Society has undoubtedly contributed to most, if not all of these. Both the student body and the University as a whole have been benefited and been enriched through the various events organised by us throughout the academic year 2015/16 and this as a whole has been our greatest achievement.

Greatest Challenge

The success of the German Society did not come without challenges, although these were mostly of an organisational nature and did not result from disputes within the committee. Despite the team working well together, issues arise that are sometimes outside of its control. An example of this is a complication with the booking of the Berlin trip. Our chosen flight was cancelled at the time of the booking, so this resulted in a change of date – an inconvenience for many members. This was, however, quickly resolved. Another ‘everyday’ challenge of the German Society was the scheduling of Committee meetings. This was at times difficult, with all of the members being in their final year of studies. In the future I would recommend organising these meetings in advance with the help of online tools such as Doodle.com to enable every member to contribute to the Society equally and to ensure that no one misses out.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 11 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 10 committee members.

German Soc ALIVE Certificates		
<u>David McNulty</u>	Auditor	150 hours
<u>Stefan Kilroy</u>	Treasurer and Volunteer	100 hours
<u>Isobel Smyth</u>	Vice Secretary	50 hours
<u>Emma Cleere</u>	Vice Public Relations Officer	20 hours
<u>Katrina Crampton</u>	Secretary	60 hours
<u>Laura Wilson</u>	Safety Officer	30 hours
<u>Amanda Budzyk</u>	Safety Officer	46 hours
# ALIVE Students:	7 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	456 hours	

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 621 members. 7 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

GiGSoc (Gay In Galway)

GiGSoc is NUI Galway's only LGBTQA+ society which operates on a weekly basis to bring fun and educational events to the student body and staff. The society has been extremely successful the past several years and this year has been no exception. While last year the society's prime focus was on the Marriage Equality Referendum, this year the society re-purposes itself, focusing on mental health, collaborations and themed weeks, these including our first ever Trans* Awareness Week and our classic Rainbow Week, where we saw the society host a variety of events that aimed to educate and bring awareness to a wide spectrum of LGBTQA+ issues. NUI Galway was also the host of this year's Pink Training, which we helped host along with our Students Union. We brought 20 delegates for the full weekend and the committee also gave up their time to volunteer and aid the running of the training event. This year we saw a revival of the society with many new members joining and coming along every week. We provided a variety of events that spanned from Discussion and Film Nights to Sexual Empowerment Workshops which were all enjoyed by our members and brought a new level of fun to the society. We made many worthwhile connections with different LGBT social groups in Galway and have as a result increased the reach of our society and hopefully this will continue to be fruitful into the future. GiGSoc aimed to become that safe and brave space that we include in our aims and objectives, and through our work with the Student Counselling Services, the ALIVE office and other parties this year we have seen our society reach new heights in terms of the space and support that we have offered since our establishment. The committee this year have worked tirelessly to make this objective a reality and we are leaving the new committee a legacy that we hope they will continue on all our behalf.

GiGSoc (Gay in Galway) Society Events list (38 Individual Events)

GiGSoc Fresher Event: Social » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 09th September 2015

Feeling nervous about getting involved? Want to meet the committee and other freshers, play some games and hear about our plans for the year? Want some treats and refreshments? Then this is the event for you! Come join us in the Stage from 6pm!

GiGSoc EGM: Social » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 16th September 2015

GiGSoc will be holding their EGM to fill the positions of First Year OCM, Vice Auditor and Auditor. Please come along if you want to be involved with one of the most dynamic societies on campus! Refreshments and food provided for all attending!

Gaymes Night: Social » IT202 » 23rd September 2015

GiGSoc will be hosting a games all our members and friends, so come along and have some fun with some old school and new school board/card games etc. Tea and treats available on the night!

Paris is Burning: Social » IT202 » 30th September 2015

This week we'll be hosting a Pizza Party and showing the documentary/film 'PARIS IS BURNING'! Let's all learn together about the NYC 'Ball culture' and explore race, class, gender and sexuality! #lgbtrevolution Hope to see you all there in our normal spot in the IT Building for all of the learning and craic and pizza that your hearts desire! 'We're not going to be shady, just fierce.' #deathbyvogue

Writer's Workshop Collaboration: Social » IT202 » 07th October 2015

GiGSoc and Writer's Soc are co-hosting an event where students and staff alike are invited to come along and express their thoughts and aspirations from both before and after the Marriage Referendum earlier this year! This event is prerequisite to the 'Be Brave, Be You' campaign, about which we will give further details about at the event! The aim of the event is to come away with a collection of work which can be published in time for mid November. Some come along and share your stories, artwork or anything you wish! Tea, biscuits and treats will be available as always!

Out in the Open! LGBTQA Discussion Night: Social » IT202 » 14th October 2015

Join GiGSoc this week as we have some craic, some treats and sweets and a whole load of riveting chats! Any questions, queries, concerns? Bring them to this week's event and get involved with the discussion as we cover every topic that our big and beautiful minds can think of! Remember the #littlethings, "Problems Feel Smaller When You Share Them"!

Table Quiz in aid of Mental Health Ireland: Social » IT202 » 21st October 2015

This week GiGSoc are proud to be hosting a charity table quiz in order to raise money for Mental Health Ireland. The quiz will be on in our usual spot in the IT Building and will be a 6 round EXTRAVAGANZA of general knowledge, so pull out your pub quiz

books and get revising! Entry to the event is €5 but come with a team of 4 already made up and the entry fee is only €15. Only proceeds from the event will be going straight to our charity, which is a voluntary group who do so much amazing work! Make sure to come along for a night of fun and fantastic craic, where you could win any amount of amazing prizes that we have up for grabs! #littlethings #mentalhealthawareness ☐

Halloween Party!: Social » IT202 » 28th October 2015

Come along to GiGSoc's annual Halloween Party, where dressing up, playing games and getting spooky are always on the agenda! Best Snapchat on the night wins a creepy surprise! We'll be in IT202 from 7pm so come in your best drag darlings! Treats and tricks provided!

Sexual Health Workshop // EGM: Social » IT202 » 04th November 2015

GiGSoc will be hosting a Sexual Health Workshop this week as part of Shag Week! The first 20 minutes of the event will be dedicated to a quick EGM so that we can fill our vacant positions on the committee (PRO, First Year OCM) Afterwards, business will resume as usual with some fun chats, great bants and as always, treats and refreshments!

Tea and Coffee and Bants: Social » IT202 » 11th November 2015

Tea and coffee and meet up and chats and bants

Tags: #GiGSoc

Trans* week Launch & ITSA panel Discussion: Social » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 16th November 2015

Gigsoc will be launching their first annual Trans* week tonight with a panel discussion from 3 members of the Irish Trans Student Alliance. This discussion will be about their experiences within the trans* community as well and a Q&A session. Refreshments provided

Repeal the 8th and Trans* reproductive rights info session: Social » AC202 » 17th November 2015

Choice Soc, Amnesty soc and GiGSoc collaboration to provide information to students on repealing the 8th amendment and trans* reproductive rights. Refreshments provided.

Trans* remembrance ceremony: Other » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 18th November 2015

Candlelit remembrance ceremony to honor all those we have lost in the Trans* community to suicide or violence in 2015. #TDOR

Tea and Coffee and Bants: Social » IT202 » 18th November 2015

Tea and coffee and meet up and chats and bants

Trans* 101 & Trans* Ally workshop: Training » IT202 » 18th November 2015

GiGSoc will host a number of trans* related workshops to improve awareness of trans* issues on campus and improve trans* visibility. Refreshments provided.

Writers workshop (Gender): Social » Ac203 » 19th November 2015

Gigsoc will end its trans* week with a collaboration with Writers soc. It will be a fun and engaging workshop around the themes of gender identity, expression and norms.

Getting ahead in Bed by Dr Siobhan Higgins: Social » IT202 » 25th November 2015

This Wednesday 25th we have the incredible Dr Siobhan Higgins, NUIG's resident sexologist. She will be doing an unforgettable workshop with us talking us through the do's and don'ts, the rights and wrongs and all things sex.

Christmas Party: Social » IT202 » 02nd December 2015

Join GiGSoc this week for our fabulous Christmas Party, where we'll be celebrating cheer, xmas jumpers and mince pies. Come listen to some holiday favourites and have a giggle as we give out our 'End of Semester' Membership Awards and we celebrate best jumper with a delectable prize! This is an event not to be missed! See you there!

Fresher/Member Meet Up: Social » IT202 » 13th January 2016

Excited after Socs Day 2? Come and meet with GiGSoc if you want to meet some new people and play some games, in a safe closed space which will then be joined by our long standing members for some tea and treats so we can wash away those post Christmas break blues with tea and biscuits. We're looking forward to meeting you!

Gaymes night: Social » IT202 » 20th January 2016

GiGSoc will be hosting a games all our members and friends, so come along and have some fun with some old school and new school board/card games etc. Tea and treats available on the night!

GiGSoc EGM: Social » IT202 » 27th January 2016

Join us for our EGM, where any of our members can put themselves forward for our open position of OCM. If you would like to join our diverse committee and learn how to effectively run a society, then there's nowhere better for you than on our team! We have loads of exciting events coming up this semester so you'll never be without something to do! For the rest of our members, we will have music, light refreshments and treats where we'll sure chats and bants will ensue! Hope to see you there!

The Queen of Ireland Screening: Social » IT202 » 03rd February 2016

This week, GiGSoc will be hosting a film night showcasing Panti Bliss in The Queen of Ireland. For all our new members or members on erasmus, we would love to see you at this event as it is a great opportunity to learn more about Irish political history and about how Ireland went on what some would call a journey of self-discovery during the historic Marriage Referendum last year. It's sure to be a cracker of a night, so be there or be a circle!

Internet Safety Day: Social » Bailey Allen Hall » 09th February 2016

Join GiGSoc as we celebrate pancakes and Internet Safety all in one fabulous event! We'll be in the Bailey Allen hall from 7pm with pancakes, wristbands and engaging discussions and games! See you there!

Speed Friending: Social » IT202 » 10th February 2016

Come and meet and greet your fellow members following on from our Internet Safety Day event! Games, treats and drinks will be available as normal but with some extra surprises thrown in! Speed friend the winter blues away this week! Hope to see you there!

Rainbow Ball Launch Night: Social » IT202 » 17th February 2016

Join GiGSoc for our formal release of the Rainbow Ball 2016! We will be having a focus meeting to start off the night and then will be heading to Nova for our special launch night including a LGBT themed table quiz, spot prizes and Rainbow Refreshments! We'd love to see you there for the launch of our most exciting event so far this year!

Bisexual Awareness Workshop: Training » IT202 » 24th February 2016

On Wednesday the 24th of February we hosted a bisexual health awareness workshop. The month of March is bisexual visibility month so we held this workshop in anticipation to this. We cover three main topics, sexual health, mental health and also talked about abusive relationships. We prepared a powerpoint presentation and also had some interactive games and questions. We also had the OTs come in and talk to us about getting gender neutral bathrooms for the NUIG campus.

GiGSoc Breakfast Morning!: Social » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 29th February 2016

Join us on Mental Health Awareness Week and start your week off right by having a fun breakfast with us. A good view, good food and better company will set your week off right and we'd be delighted to see you at any time from 10am - 12pm!

Movie Night: Social » IT202 » 02nd March 2016

GiGSoc are settling in with our blankets and popcorn to watch 'A Single Man' starring Colin Firth and Julianne Moore. The film depicts a man who struggles to cope with everyday life after his partner of 16 years passes away. We hope to see you there and we'll have treats and tissues at the ready!

MAFIA: Social » IT202 » 09th March 2016

This week we'll be meeting in our usual space of IT202 to play some MAFIA and have a bit of craic before next week's RAINBOW WEEK which is sure to be an amazing week filled with events from Monday to Wednesday, in anticipation of our

coveted Rainbow Ball which as you all know by now is the 23rd of March in the Clayton! Tickets are still available but are due to sell out soon, so make sure you grab yours before they're all gone!

Bring An Ally Event!: Social » Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 » 14th March 2016

We encourage members to bring their allied friends to this event for a focus group on how we can enrich and solidify friendships and support networks within the LGBTQA community! Treats and drinks as always will be provided and we're looking forward to seeing you there!

Let's Have A KiKi!: Social » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 15th March 2016

Join GiGSoc and DanSoc in preparation for the Rainbow Ball, where we'll celebrate LGBTQA Pop Culture and learn some fun and funky moves! Drinks and treats will be provided as always!

Mini Pink Training: Social » IT202 » 16th March 2016

Join us for a night of workshops and some great discussion. We will be having a number of workshops presented by some of our committee members. Refreshments and great conversation will be provided.

Rainbow Ball: Social » Galway, Galway City, The Clayton Hotel » 23rd March 2016

GiGSoc will be hosting our annual LGBTQAA Ball. Tickets available from the GiGSoc Committee.

AGM: Social » IT202 » 06th April 2016

We will be electing our new Committee.

End of year party: Social » IT202 » 13th April 2016

Looking back over the last year celebrating the good times and welcoming the new committee in.

GiGSoc's QUEER BINGO!: Social » Galway, Galway City, Nova Bar and Grill » 19th April 2016

If you're looking for an event to get over those 'back to work/college/life' blues after the weekend, then look no further! This Tuesday we are bringing you a night of fun, music and friendly competition! We'll be running our QUEER BINGO Night with Nova Bar here in Galway, where you could be in with the chance of winning some fabulous prizes! The rules are simple, the only difference is we're playing with LGBTQA Anthems instead of numbers! The event starts at 8pm sharp on Tuesday and we'd love for all of you to join us for one last hurrah! We encourage you to click 'Attending' on the event on our Facebook page. We hope to see you there!



Socs Sports day: Social » Aras na Mac Leinn » 20th April 2016

There comes a time in everybody's life, where we are faced with a challenge. It may be that exam, it may be that 9am lecture or even that 4pm lecture but the biggest challenge of all is dodging that ball. Come join us at 12pm in Aras na Mac Leinn for some fun events that will test your loyalty to your Soc. 2e per person to compete for your Soc for the day. Dodgeball in the Cube, Volleyball in the Foyer, Dance (Let's have a KiKi) in the View and a surprise in the Stage



Dodgeball movie Screening: Social » IT202 » 20th April 2016

Showing the movie Dodgeball to finish of our Socs Sports day. A fun way to relax after an intense day of exercising.

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Jessica Watts

Treasurer: Cathal Sherlock

NMLO: Sinead Ruane

OCM: Rosa Shine

First Year OCM: Isaac Bryant

PRO: Aisling Hand

Secretary: Sean Devaney

Vice-Auditor: Jonathan Carton

Events Manager: Ricky Jinks

Trans Co-ordinator: Cameron Keighron

OCM: Joseph Larkin

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Sinead Ruane

Treasurer: Megan Reilly

PRO: Tom Biggins

Trans* Co-ordinator: Aoife Kelly

OCM (Ordinary Committee Member): Ruth Sweeney

OCM (Ordinary Committee Member): Aaron Lawlor

Vice-Auditor: Aisling Hand

Secretary: Sean Devaney

Events Officer: Brandon Walsh

NMLO (New Members Liaison Officer): Isaac Bryant

OCM (Ordinary Committee Member): Jodie Wright

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,168.38	Ball	€225.00
Balls	€630.00	Bank charge	€84.67
Fundraising	€265.00	Dinner/Food	€213.95
Members Contributions	€38.80	Entertainment	€31.18
Socs box Till	€30.00	Entry fees	€297.50
USC Grant	€2,755.00	Equipment misc	€30.18
		Fundraising / Charity	€120.00
		Materials	€243.70
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€500.21
		Printing	€73.80
		Prizes	€30.98
		Reception	€187.74
		Teacher fees	€100.00
		Expenditure Total	€2,138.91
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,748.27
Total	€4,887.18	Total	€4,887.18

Mission Statement

GiGSoc's mission is to provide an accepting environment to enhance the personal growth of LGBT staff and students in NUIG. GiGSoc advocates for campus wide awareness and acceptance of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. GiGSoc champions a campus community where the presence and contributions of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer people are welcomed and celebrated, where intolerance is challenged and defeated and where civil rights of all people are valued and respected.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

GiGSoc's main aims are to promote a forum where lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and allied students and staff can meet in a comfortable and supportive environment and to educate and inform the general university body on various LGBTQ issues through events, publications, advertisements and other such promotions.

This year our main focus would be to help host a successful Pink Training, hold a variety of LGBTQA themed weeks on NUIG's campus, such as Equality Week, Trans* Week and Rainbow Week in accordance with our "Be Brave, Be You Campaign".

Through all of our work, our goal would be to foster a campus free of prejudice, harassment, bigotry and violence by providing a safe and brave space for all members of NUIG communities to explore and increase their understanding of aspects related to sexual orientation, gender identity and expression in an open and nonjudgmental environment.

As a society, we recognize that not everyone will find home in the words and/or identities of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or queer. The collective struggles of our communities continues to be inclusive language and inclusive action. We want those who

identify as same gender loving, Two Spirit, multisexual, pansexual, asexual, gender fluid, queer, omnisexual, or something else entirely, to know that they are always welcome at GiGSoc and that we encourage your input, voice, and presence in our society.

Society Performance Reflection

The committee have created an extremely close relationship with our members this year and have seen a large amount of them coming back week after week because of the support and friends they find with us. The committee this year also had some new members who are all dedicated to continuing in the society and ensuring that our success continues long into the future, they have attended training and have been learning about the day to day running of the society all year and are ready to take on the challenge and move into their new positions, should they choose to run again. Throughout the year we have made sure to host events that are as inclusive as possible and appeal to wide variety of people, so that new members keep returning and bringing their friends with them. To do this, we hit the balance between holding educational events like workshops or discussion nights with fun and engaging events like our Gaymes and Film Nights. Making sure that all members are participating and enjoying themselves has led to this influx of new members and most of which are with the society to stay. We have also built on our online presence and have made connections with local business' such as Nova Bar and Grill and LGBT groups such as Bi+, G.A.S.S and DTF. We have secured funding and built on our relations with Accenture and Arthur Cox which will ensure the incoming committee can hit the ground running with a good working relationship from the start of next year. Through our events this year we have created a space where all our members can feel safe and accepted. Through our "Be Brave, Be You" Campaign we started a campus wide conversation along with other societies about Mental Health and how it affects students especially. We have attempted to teach not only our own members about LGBT issues but inform and engage with the whole of NUIG's campus as well. We have hosted two themed weeks, both of which were huge successes and were enjoyed massively by our members. We represented the forgotten minorities within the community and ensured everyone's voice was heard. We have endeavoured to develop a safe and most importantly brave campus for the LGBTQA* community in NUIG Galway which consists of both students and staff. Our events have been the focal point of this objective and through the feedback we have received, we can confidently say that we have gone above and beyond what was expected of us in terms of this aim. We didn't just host events, but used these times to build healthy and fruitful relationships with our members and for anyone that took the time to come to our events. We have allowed ourselves to become a place on campus that students can come to, where we help to restore perspective and allow members to share intimately their own personal reflections or aspirations in a brave and safe space.

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

The society this year has been even more dedicated to fulfilling our aims and objectives than ever before. We have paid special attention to our membership this year and have successfully hosted a variety of events that pertain to our aims and objectives but also create a fun and engaging space for our members. Coming from a highly politicized year, the committee wanted to build on the after effects of a YES vote and create an inclusive and open community of friends through the society this year. Our events have all been to help realise this aim and we have been complimented on how educational and exciting our events are every week. From the beginning of the year we were excited to take on new challenges and host events that served our purpose of creating a supportive environment for all staff and students that cared to join us each week. The creation of our "Be Brave, be You" Campaign played a huge part in this and saw GiGSoc taking an active role in exploring mental health on campus, especially in relation to the LGBTQA* community. We have aimed to teach and tear down the walls around important issues such as sexual health and have held a variety of events that tackle these issues. Our first ever Trans* week was also a huge success and proved our dedication to representing every aspect of the LGBTQA* community as well as our Bi Social event, Rainbow Week and Discussion Night's. All these events created an atmosphere that allowed our members to feel comfortable and free of judgement and as a result we saw a level of member engagement that has been previously unseen in GiGSoc.

Greatest Success

Our Trans* Officer was a committee position implemented at the start of the year to bring specific committee focus to Trans* issues. Cameron started to plan NUIG's first annual Trans* awareness week which was held November 16th – 20th. This week involved various different events from a wide range of people. We wanted to incorporate many different areas of the trans* community to ensure all voices were heard while remaining true to the essence of the week; Trans* visibility. We picked this particular week as it coincided with the national transgender day of remembrance (November 20th each year). We launched the week by getting the Trans* flag raised outside of Aras Na Mac Leinn, the first Irish college to do so, and holding a Trans* panel discussion. This was an opportunity for Cameron and two other trans* students, from DIT and DCU, to tell their stories and help encourage students to become trans* allies. Following on from this we organised a collaborative talk between Choice Soc, GiGSoc & Amnesty on the topic of 8th amendment and bodily autonomy. Wednesday evening saw the most poignant event, in our opinion. We organised a Trans* remembrance ceremony where we remembered all members of the Trans* community who had passed away in the past year, the students' union president, our Auditor and Cameron gave small speeches and held a minute's silence with a candle lit vigil. Following on from this Cameron gave a Trans* 101 workshop to GiGSoc and anyone else who wanted to come along. This workshop introduced students to the idea of gender identity, trans* issues and how to be a good

trans* ally. Thursday concluded the week with a reflective writer's workshop. We invited writer's Soc to come in and get people really engaged with gender identity through the medium of writing. This has set a precedent for the incoming Trans* officer to carry out another Trans* awareness week and we hope that we have set the foundations for this position to truly flourish. This was indisputably our greatest success, as it was our first time running a week of its kind and one that the whole committee was extremely proud of.

Greatest Challenge

The society encountered very few challenges this year. We had events planned well in advance and our finances were always in order. The committee worked well together and this ensured that challenges were kept to a minimum. Building on the buzz of GiGSoc last year and the pressure from this could be seen as a challenge that we faced, but we quickly gained speed and members and have been creating fun events that have been complimented all year. Another challenge that seems to prevail from year to year is our members, we have fluctuating numbers but also must be wary of students that might not be out or are heavily scarred or scared due to bad experiences in the past. Taking these students under our wing is challenging but rewarding, and through working with the SU and Student Counseling Services this year we have tackled this problem well by holding safe spaces and support groups to ensure the wellbeing of our membership.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 9 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 11 committee members.

GiGSoc (Gay In Galway) ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Cathal Sherlock</u>	Treasurer	240 hours
<u>Joseph Larkin</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	100 hours
<u>Aisling Hand</u>	Public Relations Officer	190 hours
<u>Cameron Keighron</u>	Trans* Co-Ordinator	300 hours
<u>Sinead Ruane</u>	Ordinary Committee Member, New Members Liaison Officer	158 hours
<u>Rosa Shine</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	80 hours
<u>Martin Durcan</u>	New Members Liaison Officer	98 hours
<u>Jessica Watts</u>	Auditor	400 hours
<u>Ricky Jinks</u>	Events Officer	120 hours
<u>Isaac Bryant</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	60 hours
<u>Sean Devaney</u>	Secretary	124 hours
<u>Ruth Sweeney</u>	Workshop Facilitator	4 hours
# ALIVE Students:	12 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	1874 hours	

Other Information

We held 30 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 362 members. 10 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Goal Soc

GOAL is an international humanitarian agency dedicated to alleviating the suffering of the poorest of the poor. We are a non-denominational, non-governmental and non-political organisation.

GOAL was founded in Dublin in 1977 by former sports journalist and former Chief Executive, John O'Shea.

Since its inception, GOAL has spent in excess of €790 million on humanitarian programmes in more than 50 countries. Over 2,800 GOALies and many thousands of local staff have worked in the developing world on GOAL's behalf and the organisation has responded to every major humanitarian disaster since 1977.

GOAL is currently operational in 15 countries including; Ethiopia, Haiti, Honduras, India, Kenya, Malawi, Niger, Sierra Leone, Sudan, South Sudan, Syria, Uganda and Zimbabwe, The Philippines and Liberia.

Goal Society Events list (2 Individual Events)

GOAL Soc EGM: Other » AC 201 » 21st October 2015

EGM for GOAL

Guess the Sweets in the Jar: Charity » Concourse Table B » 17th November 2015

Come down to our table for free candy canes and the chance to win a jar full of sweets, but only if you can guess the amount in it!

Committee 2015/2016

Secretary: Aoife Mulligan

Vice-Auditor: Martina Moloney

Events Officer: Jean McGuinness

OCM: Michelle Moran

Sponsorship Officer: Ciara Hickey

OCM: John Bracken

Treasurer: Ryan McGuinness

Auditor: Dara Lavelle

Public Relations Officer: Murella de Burca

Marketing Officer: Fionn Lennon

OCM: David Cashman

OCM: Yvonne Clinton

Committee 2016/2017

Secretary: David Cashman

Auditor: Ryan McGuinness

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	224.16	Bank charge	€61.73
USC Grant	€200.00	Dinner/Food	€50.00
		Fundraising / Charity	€27.23
		Expenditure Total	€138.96
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€285.20
Total	€424.16	Total	€424.16

Mission Statement

GOAL Society is a student society which represents the Global organisation GOAL on campus. We aim to fundraise for GOAL so that they can continue providing much needed aid in some of the poorest countries in the world today.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We aim to fund raise as much for GOAL as we can as well as growing the society by increasing our membership.

Society Performance Reflection

GOAL Soc did very well -- we gained full society recognition, and held a candy cane sale which raised 100 euro for GOAL.

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

We raised awareness for the work that GOAL does around the world, and awareness of the society on campus. We also raised a small amount of money for GOAL, developing our key life skills and gaining important experience along the way.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success this year was raising awareness of the society. As a new society with only around 60 members, we found it difficult to spread word of our events. This year at socs day, however, we gained over 450 new members -- giving us a huge potential reach for any future events.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge faced this year, was that a large portion of our committee undertook placement as part of their courses -- meaning that during the second semester of

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 11 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 12 committee members.

Goal Soc ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Martina Moloney</u>	Vice Auditor	50 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	50 hours	

Other Information

We held 2 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 505 members. 2 of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

India Soc

India Soc had a grand and amazing year - 2016 with over 21 events in all including EGMs, committee meetings for event planning, movie screenings, festival celebrations, trips, our highlights were our Diwali celebrations in the Bailey Allen Hall and Holi.

India Society Events list (22 Individual Events)

Meet and Greet » view in aras na mac leinn » 15th September 2015

A meet and greet for all the new Indian students who have joined NUIG

EGM: Social » Large Acoustic » 17th September 2015

Come and Meet us to have better insight of upcoming events. Join us as member and you can earn ALIVE certificate to enhance your CV

Diwali 2015 discussion with SU President: Other » Meeting Room 1, Aras na Mac Leinn » 07th October 2015

Diwali 2015 discussion with SU president. We will meet on Oct 7 (Wed) 2015, 7 pm for discussing on promoting the event.

Diwali 2015 discussion with CKI Student Volunteer Coordinator: Other » Meeting Room 2 » 08th October 2015

Diwali 2015 discussion with CKI Student Volunteer Coordinator. We will meet on Oct 8 (Wed) 2015, 6.00 pm for discussing on working with communities and managing kids.

Go Bowling: Social » The College Bar » 09th October 2015

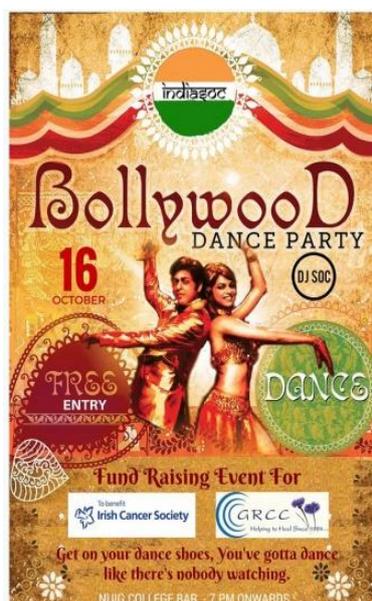
The bowling night!!! Once again there will be a lot of straight balls and a few crafty hooks but here really is a chance everyone gets along everyone else. Together with all of you here, every spare, split or turkey will be greater fun. We will be meeting at the college bar at 6.45 pm, Oct 9th 2015, Friday and walk towards 'The Planet Galway'. So just in case anyone wants to meet up straightaway we will be there by 7 pm. The cost is EUR Five for TWO games of bowling and you get a refreshment (included in the price). So cheers and looking forward to see you there. Indeed it will be a great evening!

India Soc Dandiya evening discussion: Other » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 10th October 2015

We will have discussion for Dandiya evening, which is planned for Oct 17th 2015

Bollywood DJ Dance Party: Social » College bar » 16th October 2015

Heya, On Friday 16th October India Society and DJ Society will be in the College Bar between 7pm and 11pm for a Bollywood DJ Dance Party. The proceeds raised will go to the Irish Cancer Society and the Galway Rape Crisis Centre. So get your dance shoes, you've gotta dance like nobody's watching



Garba Dandiya Dance Evening: Arts & Culture » Aras na Mac Leinn » 17th October 2015

NUIG India Soc along with Indian Cultural and sports Community (ICSC), Galway enthusiastically invites you to the first ever Dandiya event in GALWAY on this 2015 Navratri season. Come and join us for fun-filled night as you dance to garba and dandiya music and have a great time with family and friends. Venue Details: Event : Garba Dandiya Dance evening Date : Saturday 17th OCTOBER 2015 Venue : Presentation Primary School, Lower Newcastle Road, Time : 16:00 - 20:00 Entry Fee: Free for students & EUR 2 for non-students, EUR 2 for Non-students - Need to produce Student ID card for free entry. Dandiya's will be available at the cost of 2€ per pair (limited numbers available) P.S. This event is organised by NUIG India soc & Indian Cultural and sports Community (ICSC), Galway all are welcome.

India soc Diwali celebration cultural meeting: Other » Small Acoustic Room » 21st October 2015

We will be discussing the cultural event for Diwali celebration along with ICSC Galway Indian community.

EGM for 'India Soc Trip to Aran Island': Other » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 22nd Oct. 2015

We are happy to say that the 'India Soc Trip to Aran Island' tickets are sold out and we have 27 of us travelling with us. We will be travelling over the October Bank holiday weekend (Oct 24, 25 2015).

<https://www.facebook.com/events/419796898144986/> We would have a quick EGM (Emergency General Meeting) with those travelling with us to Aran Island. In case you have purchased the ticket, please ensure to attend this meeting as our trip manager would be giving you the itinerary and our Health & Security officer would be informing about the Do's & Dont's for the trip. Date: 22 Oct 2015, Thursday Time: 7.30 pm to 8 pm Location: Áras na mac Léinn - Large Acoustic room. There will be Free Pizza as per usual!

India Soc Trip to Aran Island: Other » The College Bar » 24th October 2015

Wanna Spend great October holiday weekend. Lets go Aran Island- Inis Mor. PRICE IS JUST EUR 22 We will travel from Galway City in Bus and take ferry from Ros a'Mhíl. Stay one night in Kilronan hostel which includes breakfast, free towels and wi-fi. The ticket you buy includes return travel from Galway city to Aran Island, Hostel stay in Aran Island, Free ticket to Dún Aonghasa fort (valued at €4 each), group discount on bike rental and loads of fun. Tickets are on sale from NUIG Socs box

PINK DAY - Breast Cancer awareness movie - '1 a minute': Health & Lifestyle » Kirwan Theatre » 28th October 2015

NUIG India Society along with NUIG Cancer Society & NUIG SU are screening the movie '1 a minute' docu movie (<http://www.1aminute.com/>) for breast cancer awareness. Fund raising event for Irish Cancer Society and Breast Cancer Research Institute. We will have Electric passes for collecting donation. Date: 28/10/2015 Time: 7 PM - 8.30 PM Location: RICHARD KIRWAN LECTURE THEATRE, Arts/Science - Concourse South, NUI Galway 1 a Minute is a docu-drama film written and directed by Indian American actress Namrata Singh Gujral, and is based on her own life and the lives of other women who suffered from cancer. Narrated by Kelly McGillis, the film includes interviews with Deepak Chopra, oncologist Dennis Slamon, and Ambassador Nancy Brinker, and features the participation of numerous celebrities who have themselves dealt either directly or indirectly with breast cancer. These include Olivia Newton-John, Namrata Singh Gujral, Jaclyn Smith, Melissa Etheridge, Bárbara Mori, Lisa Ray, Diahann Carroll, William Baldwin, Daniel Baldwin, Mumtaz, Jasmine Singh Cooper, and Priya Dutt. The film deals a heavy focus on breast cancer and features female celebrities from around the world who are cancer survivors. There will be surprise Gol Gappa party for fund raising. 2 Gol Gappa for EUR 1. All fund raised will go to Irish cancer society & Breast cancer research institute. We are giving free Electric passes to all those who are coming to College bar after movie night

Bollywood Movie Night !: Social » IT 250 » 05th November 2015

Tanu and Manu's marriage collapses after Love Marriage. What happens when Manu meets Tanu's lookalike Kusum - and when Tanu returns? After the grand success of our Bollywood DJ Night, now we are screening Bollywood Movie - Tanu Weds Manu Returns (with English subtitle) for this year. Venue: IT250 Date & Time: Nov 5th, Thursday at 7PM. It will be completely thrilling and entertaining with FREE PIZZAS & REFRESHMENTS to be provided.

Launch Of Diwali for SU Culture Night: Arts & Culture » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 09th November 2015

We will be having launch of Diwali along with Student Equality officer, as part of Culture Night

Diwali: Arts & Culture » Bailey Allen Hall » 14th November 2015

Dear all, We are planning for Diwali celebrations in our Campus. Regards, India Soc

EGM 2015» Smokey's Cafe» 01 December 2015

The discussion about the progress on what India society has done year long and its future planes.

Socs Day 2: Other » Bailey Allen Hall » 13th January 2016

Come and say hello at Socs Day 2 (table number 109) in the Bailey Allen Hall to hear about what plans we have to the semester and how you can get involved! We might have some snacks / drinks at the table.

Airlift - Indian war thriller film - NUI Galway India Soc: Social » Galway, IMC, IMC » 06th February 2016

Airlift movie screening in IMC Cinemas Galway this week - checkout <http://www.imccinemas.ie/movie.asp?filmid=2968> for more details! The actual ticket cost is EUR 10 and from NUIG India Soc, we are taking students for half price (EUR 5). Tickets will be available in socs box from 4th Feb Thu morning 10 am to 5th Feb Fri evening 6 pm (limited tickets). When Iraq invades Kuwait in August, 1990, a callous Indian businessman becomes the spokesperson for more than 170,000 stranded countrymen. Director: Raja Menon Writers: Ritesh Shah, Suresh Nair Stars: Nimrat Kaur, Akshay Kumar, Sameer Ali Khan More Info : https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Airlift_%28film%29

EGM for Holi celebration: Other » AC204 » 11th February 2016

Namaste, Holi Celebration in NUI Galway is in March and we are excited for the festival of colors. We will have EGM (Emergency General Meeting) for the Holi celebration Planning on Thursday the 11th February Venue: AC204, Main Concourse (Arts/Science Building) Time: 6.00 pm to 6.30 pm There will of course be lots of REFRESHMENTS. Thanks & regards India Soc Committee

JOBS movie - w/ India Soc & CompSoc: Social » IT250 » 15th February 2016

Join NUIG India Soc and NUIG Comp Soc (an intersociety event!) on Monday, February 15th at 6pm to watch JOBS , a 2013 American biographical film inspired by the life of Steve Jobs, from 1974 while a student at Reed College to the introduction of the iPod in 2001. It is directed by Joshua Michael Stern, written by Matt Whiteley, and produced by Stern and Mark Hulme. Steve Jobs is portrayed by Ashton Kutcher, with Josh Gad as Apple Computer's (now Apple Inc.) co-founder Steve Wozniak. 6-8pm. There'll be popcorn/food and beverages provided.

Holi 2016: Social » Green Opposite Kingfisher » 07th April 2016

Come and join us for the Indian colourful Festival-Holi

AGM: Other » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 15th April 2016

AGM for India Soc 2016

Committee 2015/2016

Trip Officer: Dharmesh Barot

Health & Safety Officer: Jaspreet Kaur

Vice-Auditor: Srinivasan Arumugam

PRO: Ashish Goswami

OCM: Gopal Kavanadala Sridhar

Webmaster: Navdeep Sharma

Social Media & Publicity officer: Tejas Mande

Auditor: Nipun Mahajan

Event Manager: Rinku Phulphagar

Secretary: Jyotirmoy Patgiri

Treasurer: Dibyangana Bhattacharyya

OCM: Kanika Wadhwa

OCM: Ramoji Alla

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Nipun Mahajan

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	125.44	Bank charge	€60.14
Socs box Till	€1,100.00	Dinner/Food	€1,707.51
Sponsorship	€200.00	Entertainment	€384.45
Ticket Sales	€589.25	Fundraising / Charity	€50.00
USC Grant	€3,600.00	Gifts	€108.50
		Makeup/Props	€94.50
		Materials	€603.02
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€45.00
		Services Hired	€100.00
		Society accomm	€540.00
		Society transport	€572.00
		Socs day expenses	€48.57
		Stationary	€369.21
		Expenditure Total	€4,682.90
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€931.79
Total	€5,614.69	Total	€5,614.69

Mission Statement

Our mission is to incorporate home away from home for all the Indians in Galway and to give a taste of India to the Irish people. We also hope to give back to the community and we incorporate charitable societies into our events so that we can make a difference in whatever way we can.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

This year we hope to make it a fun year for the students by organising trips and also to incorporate more charitable events into our society activities.

Society Performance Reflection

Our society did pretty well this year. We improved overall as a society from last year.

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

We were able to fulfil much of the aims we enlisted.

Greatest Success

Our greatest strength is our enthusiastic team and committee that worked hard to make this year a grand success for the society.

Greatest Challenge

Greatest challenge for a society representing a community is to gather attention and appreciation from people belonging to other communities and culture. We believe our society was able to overcome this challenge and got great response from one and all and a good number of participation in all the events.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 13 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 13 committee members.

India Soc ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Rinku Phulphagar</u>	Events manager	150 hours
<u>Jyotirmoy Patgiri</u>	Secretary	200 hours
<u>Nipun Mahajan</u>	Auditor	350 hours
<u>Navdeep Sharma</u>	Webmaster	150 hours
# ALIVE Students:	4 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	850 hours	

Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 212 members. 12 of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Islamic Society

The Islamic Society is a gathering of Muslim students working together as a team in ensuring the welfare of Muslim staff and students of NUIG. This year, the society has been actively working to enhance the quality of student interaction among themselves and with the university community as well. An array of activities have been done to foster the bond between members to help them fit in with a new environment. We have also played an active role in the establishment of GMIT's own Islamic Society as a way for us to contribute to other Muslims living in Galway. Besides that, we have collaborated and attended a few events with other societies such as the Malaysian Society in form of management and execution of task.

Islamic Society Events list (21 Individual Events)

Eid Al Adha Takbir & Potluck Dinner: Social » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 24th September 2015

Jumuah Prayer: Other » Aras Moyola » 02nd October 2015

Global Fair: Other » Bailey Allen Hall » 05th October 2015

Here to tell you about our religion and culture! Also, we'll be collecting clothing donations for the Syrian refugees, and there will be a bake sale - proceeds go to the Syrian refugees.

Global Week: Charity » CONCOURSE » 06th October 2015

Come by and donate any clothes for the Syrian refugees.

Refugee Crisis, Are we part of it? - Halaqah/Talk: Other » Arts Millennium Building AM109 » 08th October 2015

'Refugee Crisis, Are we part of it?', a talk by Dr. Norharyanti Hashim. Refreshments will be provided.

Jumuah Prayer: Other » Aras Moyola » 09th October 2015

Sister Meetup: Social » Arts Millennium Building AM109 » 15th October 2015

Jumuah Prayer: Other » Aras Moyola » 16th October 2015

Jumuah Prayer: Other » Aras Moyola » 23rd October 2015

Brother's Fifa Night: Social » Arts Millennium Building AM109 » 29th October 2015

Jumuah Prayer: Other » Aras Moyola » 30th October 2015

Islam and The Monetary System - Halaqah/Talk: Other » Arts Millennium Building AM109 » 05th November 2015

A talk by Sister Yasmin Wannas, a commerce graduate, on what the real basis of the monetary system is in Islam and also about modern models implemented in today's world.

Jumuah Prayer: Other » Aras Moyola » 06th November 2015

Sister Meetup: Social » Arts Millennium Building AM109 » 12th November 2015

Jumuah Prayer: Other » Aras Moyola » 13th November 2015

Yasmin Mogahed Talk in Dublin: Conference » Dublin, Dublin 2, O'Callaghan, Alexander Hotel » 15th November 2015

The best of all stories - Halaqah/Talk: Other » Arts Millennium Building AM109 » 19th November 2015

The best of all stories - tafseer of Surah Yusuf by Dr. Norharyanti Hashim. Refreshments will be provided.

Jumuah Prayer: Other » Aras Moyola » 20th November 2015

Jumuah Prayer: Other » Aras Moyola » 27th November 2015

ISOC Brothers' Bowling and Laser Tag: Social » Galway, Galway City, Planet Entertainment Centre » 27th November 2015

Assalamalaikum bros, Listen up dudes, we got an awesome night planned out for Friday, November 27th! (With the permission of Allah.) The PLAN: We meet up in front of Bailey Allen Hall and we leave at 5:30 PM SHARP. Be sure you're there on time 'cause we got a "No bros left behind" policy. (No but seriously, please be on time). You also have the option of meeting us at Planet Entertainment at around 6:00 PM. The cost of this hella sick night is 14 EUROS so make sure you got cash. We'll play bowling for an hour. Then Laser Tag for 30 minutes. Then after that we will eat a 6 inch Sub with drink and a cookie. All this for 14 euros!IMPORTANT: Listen, bros, If you plan on coming, please RSVP to this event by clicking "Join" on the FB event. You must do this ASAP. This is important because we need to know how many people are coming. Thanks, guys.

EGM: Training » AMB-G067 » 21st January 2016

Story Night, The Messia: Conference » Dublin, Dublin 4, Merrion Rd, Ballsbridge » 31st January 2016

Syakh Omar Suleiman is a speaker from the States, who will come and give talk about The Messiah. It will be a great evening. We are planning to rent a bus from NUIG to the venue. The venue will be at Royal Dublin Society, Merrion Rd, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, Ireland.

Discover Islam Week: Social » CONCOURSE » 29th February 2016

Every year Discover Islam Week (DIW) takes place at universities across the UK and it's no different at NUI Galway. Discover Islam Week envelopes a whole bunch of events from NUIG's ISOC where the aim is to act as an eye-opener and to show people the reality of Islam. Not only that, the event aims to reach as many staffs and students possible be it muslims or non-muslims as to raise awareness and interest among them about how it feels like to practise Islam for example fasting and wearing the hijab. So many events and activities will take place throughout the week so keep your eyes peeled for leaflets about the event of the day. There's always something for everyone so make sure you try to attend all the events. Hope to see you there.

Halaqas (an islamic seminar): Social » Arts Millennium Building » 03rd March 2016

Halaqas are weekly gatherings in which different speakers present a different, Islam- related topic to nourish the audience with some knowledge and advice about the religion and its practices. everyone is welcome to join, you will definitely learn something new that you will want to share with you friends and families. so stay tuned and keep an eye on our Facebook page to know about the specific topics chosen for every week.

Halaqas (an islamic seminar): Social » Arts Millennium Building » 10th March 2016

Halaqas are weekly gatherings in which different speakers present a different, Islam- related topic to nourish the audience with some knowledge and advice about the religion and its practices. everyone is welcome to join, you will definitely learn something new that you will want to share with you friends and families. so stay tuned and keep an eye on our Facebook page to know about the specific topics chosen for every week.

Halaqas (an islamic seminar): Social » Arts Millennium Building » 17th March 2016

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Halaqas (an islamic seminar): Social » Arts Millennium Building » 24th March 2016

Halaqas are weekly gatherings in which different speakers present a different, Islam- related topic to nourish the audience with some knowledge and advice about the religion and its practices. everyone is welcome to join, you will definitely learn something new that you will want to share with you friends and families. so stay tuned and keep an eye on our Facebook page to know about the specific topics chosen for every week.

Halaqas (an islamic seminar): Social » Arts Millennium Building » 31st March 2016

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AGM: Other » Aras Moyola » 21st May 2016

To elect new committee members for 2016/2017

Committee 2015/2016

Media Officer: Nur Khairah Besar

Auditor: Fauzah Mohamad

Treasurer: Ala Gashash

PRO: Ahmed Wanas

Secretary: Fatmah Abdullallah

Vice-Auditor: Muaz Mat Rahat

Public Relations sister: Adlina Ab Rahim

Tarbiyah Officer: Nor Ilyani Ab Rahim

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Febrimarsa Febrimarsa

Muslim Welfare Officer : Fauzah Mohamad

Education/Tarbiya Officer: Ahmed Wanas

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	648.46	Bank charge	€22.90
USC Grant	€750.00	Dinner/Food	€392.95
		Entertainment	€38.70
		Fundraising / Charity	€16.28
		Promotions	€19.18
		Speaker accomm	€156.00
		Expenditure Total	€646.01
		Closing Bank Balance	€752.45
Total	€1,398.46	Total	€1,398.46

Mission Statement

The Islamic Society of NUI Galway provides a unique atmosphere to campus life socially and educationally.

We consider our mission statement a commitment to a friendly and lively campus atmosphere between members of our society and other students of NUI Galway. We deliver on that commitment by creating an understanding of our religion - while enjoying the work in progress and realising our full potential.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Our Aims, Objectives and Goals for the year include: To -

- create a point of reference of the muslims community in Galway, especially to NUIG students
- educate people about the teachings of Islam
- unite members of our society
- promote social and educational events for members of the society
- represent Islam (as ambassadors)
- hold charitable events
- establish relations with NUIG (Socs Box) and the Student Union
- make a good sociable community in NUIG and Galway
- provide religious services to Muslims in Galway

Society Performance Reflection

A number of events have been held throughout the year and we have done exceptionally well this year from the first semester up till the end of the academic year. Several talks have been given by members of the society that range around a variety of topics from the story of Prophets in the Quran to the views of Islam on the Monetary System which has gained much interest from members and non-members of the society.

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

Yes, we were able to achieve most of it. The year had been busy with a number of bake sales that we hold and we participate with other societies. Other tasks and responsibilities we take very dear to heart would be the charity of the Muslim students coming in for their academic year as we help them to find a place to live and attend to their enquiries as to all the necessities a Muslim should know to adapt in living in Galway.

Greatest Success

The Discover Islam Week was our greatest success as this was the first time an event on that scale has been done and executed by the society. For almost a week we were able to show what Islam is all about by opening booths and an information table to allow people the opportunity to ask us questions, clearing any misconceptions and allowing a better understanding of what Islam really brings.

Greatest Challenge

The greatest challenge would be to hold a proper meeting with all members present as many of the committee members are also active members of other societies and have a number of other obligations as well to be fulfilled. It was also a challenge to execute the Discover Islam Week as we were short of volunteers and many of our members had their own class schedules to attend. Nevertheless, it was a great opportunity for us to learn the value of teamwork and management skills in conducting future activities.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 16 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 8 committee members.

Islamic Society ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Ahmed Wanas</u>	Auditor, Public Relations Officer	50 hours
<u>Syahirah Atikah Shaidi</u>	Volunteer	2 hours
<u>Nurbaihah Syafika Binti Mohamad Basri</u>	Volunteer	2 hours
<u>Nur Sabreena Aminudin Baki</u>	Event Organizer	11 hours
<u>Nor Ilyani Ab Rahim</u>	Education Officer	8 hours
<u>Siti Mardhiah Muhamad Fauzi</u>	Volunteer	2 hours
# ALIVE Students:	6 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	75 hours	

Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 179 members. 7 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Italian Soc

Our aim is to help promote the Italian language and culture to students at NUI Galway by celebrating everything that is Italian! We welcome Italian students to Galway and encourage them to practice their English with Irish NUIG students, while also encouraging our members who are studying Italian to practice the language with real Italians. However, you don't have to speak Italian to join. Everyone is welcome to our events, once you have an interest in the Italian culture and in meeting new people. You can even share a thing or two about Ireland with our Italian friends! Italian Society have not completed their end of year report.

Italian Society Events list (41 Individual Events)

EGM of the Italian Society: Other » The Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn » 28th September 2015

We are holding our EGM in the Hub (In Aras na mac leinn) at 18.15 until 19.00. Please those who are interested come along to our EGM. There's a few positions still available in the society. Looking forward to seeing You there, Kamila

Pizza Night: Social » College bar » 06th October 2015

Italian Language Class: Other » Arts Millennium 112 » 13th October 2015

Our Italian classes commence on Tuesday! Would you like to learn some Italian? Improve your Italian? Or simply learn a little bit about Italy? Come along to the class so! First class is free of charge, from second class onwards a fee of €2 will apply (paid directly to the tutor). It's never too late to learn a new language. Hope to see many people there. Italian Society

Language Exchange Night + Pizza Night: Social » College bar » 13th October 2015

Come along to our Language exchange night. You don't have to speak Italian, all you need is an empty stomach for delicious pizzas! We always get a multicultural events, it's a great way to meet a new people! :)

Italian Language Class: Other » Arts Millennium 112 » 20th October 2015

Our Italian classes commence on Tuesday! Would you like to learn some Italian? Improve your Italian? Or simply learn a little bit about Italy? Come along to the class so! First class is free of charge, from second class onwards a fee of €2 will apply (paid directly to the tutor). It's never too late to learn a new language. Hope to see many people there. Italian Society

Italian Movie Night: Arts & Culture » Thomas Dillon » 20th October 2015

Come along to our first Movie Night. We will be showing an Italian movie with English subtitles. Movie lovers - it's a great chance to broaden your horizons with the movie selection :) See You all in the Concourse - Thomas Dillion Theatre - SC003

Italian Language Class: Other » Arts Millennium 112 » 27th October 2015

Our Italian classes commence on Tuesday! Would you like to learn some Italian? Improve your Italian? Or simply learn a little bit about Italy? Come along to the class so! First class is free of charge, from second class onwards a fee of €2 will apply (paid directly to the tutor). It's never too late to learn a new language. Hope to see many people there. Italian Society

Italian movie night: Social » Thomas Dillon » 27th October 2015

We want to invite you for the next movie night with the Italian Society. Don't miss it :)

Italian Language Class: Other » Arts Millennium 112 » 03rd November 2015

Our Italian classes commence on Tuesday! Would you like to learn some Italian? Improve your Italian? Or simply learn a little bit about Italy? Come along to the class so! First class is free of charge, from second class onwards a fee of €2 will apply (paid directly to the tutor). It's never too late to learn a new language. Hope to see many people there. Italian Society

Italian Language Class: Other » Arts Millennium 112 » 10th November 2015

Our Italian classes commence on Tuesday! Would you like to learn some Italian? Improve your Italian? Or simply learn a little bit about Italy? Come along to the class so! First class is free of charge, from second class onwards a fee of €2 will apply (paid directly to the tutor). It's never too late to learn a new language. Hope to see many people there. Italian Society

Italian Movie Night: Social » Thomas Dillon » 10th November 2015

Come along to our Italian movie night. Enjoy watching movies with English subtitles and learn bit of Italian :)

Italian Language Class: Other » Arts Millennium 112 » 17th November 2015

Our Italian classes commence on Tuesday! Would you like to learn some Italian? Improve your Italian? Or simply learn a little bit about Italy? Come along to the class so! First class is free of charge, from second class onwards a fee of €2 will apply (paid directly to the tutor). It's never too late to learn a new language. Hope to see many people there. Italian Society

Italian Language Class: Other » Arts Millennium 112 » 24th November 2015

Our Italian classes commence on Tuesday! Would you like to learn some Italian? Improve your Italian? Or simply learn a little bit about Italy? Come along to the class so! First class is free of charge, from second class onwards a fee of €2 will apply (paid directly to the tutor). It's never too late to learn a new language. Hope to see many people there. Italian Society

Italian Movie Night: Social » Thomas Dillon theatre, on the Concourse » 24th November 2015

Come and join us for the Italian movie night! Everyone's welcomed!

Italian Language Class: Other » Arts Millennium 112 » 01st December 2015

Our Italian classes commence on Tuesday! Would you like to learn some Italian? Improve your Italian? Or simply learn a little bit about Italy? Come along to the class so! First class is free of charge, from second class onwards a fee of €2 will apply (paid directly to the tutor). It's never too late to learn a new language. Hope to see many people there. Italian Society

Italian Language Class: Other » Arts Millennium 112 » 08th December 2015

Our Italian classes commence on Tuesday! Would you like to learn some Italian? Improve your Italian? Or simply learn a little bit about Italy? Come along to the class so! First class is free of charge, from second class onwards a fee of €2 will apply (paid directly to the tutor). It's never too late to learn a new language. Hope to see many people there. Italian Society

Intermediate Italian Class: Seminar » Am110 » 02nd February 2016

Do you want to improve your Italian? Do you already speak some Italian? join us at our Tuesday class and improve your Italian !

Italian Movie Night: Social » SC003 - THOMAS DILLON THEATRE » 02nd February 2016

Join us at our Italian movie night on Tuesday in the Thomas Dillon Theatre!

Italian Class beginners: Seminar » Am110 » 03rd February 2016

Want to learn some Italian? Come and join us at the Wednesday class so! Each class costs 2 euros.

Intermediate Italian Class: Seminar » Am110 » 09th February 2016

Do you want to improve your Italian? Do you already speak some Italian? join us at our Tuesday class and improve your Italian! 2 euros fee for each class.

Italian Movie Night: Social » Dillon Theatre » 09th February 2016

Come and join us at another movie night with the Italian Society! Ci vediamo!

Italian Class beginners: Seminar » Am110 » 10th February 2016

Want to learn some Italian? Come and join us at the Wednesday class so! Each class costs 2 euros.

Intermediate Italian Class: Seminar » Am110 » 16th February 2016

Do you want to improve your Italian? Do you already speak some Italian? join us at our Tuesday class and improve your Italian !

Italian Movie Night: Social » Dillon Theatre » 16th February 2016

Come and join us at another movie night with the Italian Society! Ci vediamo!

Italian Class beginners: Seminar » AMB-G036 Seminar Room » 17th February 2016

Want to learn some Italian? Come and join us at the Wednesday class so! Each class costs 2 euros.

Intermediate Italian Class: Seminar » Am110 » 23rd February 2016

Do you want to improve your Italian? Do you already speak some Italian? join us at our Tuesday class and improve your Italian !

Italian Movie Night: Social » Dillon Theatre » 23rd February 2016

Come and join us at another movie night with the Italian Society! Ci vediamo!

Italian Movie Night: Social » Dillon Theatre » 23rd February 2016

Come and join us at our weekly event :)

Italian Class beginners: Seminar » AMB-G036 Seminar Room » 24th February 2016

Want to learn some Italian? Come and join us at the Wednesday class so! Each class costs 2 euros.

Intermediate Italian Class: Seminar » Am110 » 01st March 2016

Do you want to improve your Italian? Do you already speak some Italian? join us at our Tuesday class and improve your Italian !

Italian Movie Night: Social » Dillon Theatre » 01st March 2016

Come and join us at another movie night with the Italian Society! Ci vediamo!

Italian Class beginners: Seminar » AMB-G036 Seminar Room » 02nd March 2016

Want to learn some Italian? Come and join us at the Wednesday class so! Each class costs 2 euros.

Intermediate Italian Class: Seminar » Am110 » 08th March 2016

Do you want to improve your Italian? Do you already speak some Italian? join us at our Tuesday class and improve your Italian !

Italian Movie Night: Social » Dillon Theatre » 08th March 2016

Come and join us at another movie night with the Italian Society! Ci vediamo!

Italian Class beginners: Seminar » AMB-G036 Seminar Room » 09th March 2016

Want to learn some Italian? Come and join us at the Wednesday class so! Each class costs 2 euros.

Intermediate Italian Class: Seminar » Am110 » 15th March 2016

Do you want to improve your Italian? Do you already speak some Italian? join us at our Tuesday class and improve your Italian !

Italian Movie Night: Social » Dillon Theatre » 15th March 2016

Come and join us at another movie night with the Italian Society! Ci vediamo!

Italian Movie Night: Social » Dillon Theatre » 15th March 2016

Come and join us at our weekly event :)

Italian Class beginners: Seminar » AMB-G036 Seminar Room » 16th March 2016

Want to learn some Italian? Come and join us at the Wednesday class so! Each class costs 2 euros.

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Kamila Polchowska

Vice-Auditor: Simon O'Mara

PR Officer Second Year Rep: Katie Brennan

Treasurer: Erika Herrero

PR Officer First Year Rep: Grainne Walsh

Secretary: Alex Corrigan

Travel & Safety Officer: Francesco Biondina

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Kamila Polchowska

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	613.52	Bank charge	€110.34
USC Grant	€1,000.00	Dinner/Food	€539.13
		Entertainment	€102.20
		Teacher fees	€666.00
		Video Hire	€150.85
		Expenditure Total	€1,568.52
		Closing Bank Balance	€45.00
Total	€1,613.52	Total	€1,613.52

Mission Statement

We are hoping to promote Italy in general. We want to share our love and passion towards the language, culture. We are hoping to increase the number of people of our society and also provide many Italian themed events such as Italian language classes, pizza nights, masquerade ball and many more!

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Our aim is to promote Italian society proudly and as best as we can.

We are hoping to make as many successful events as possible and end the year as the most improved society.

Our objective is to work together as a team and fix any issue may arise.

Our goal is to have a successful year, have our budget put together and look after the society from day one.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 7 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 0 committee members.

Italian Soc ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Francesco Biondina</u>	Travel Officer	25 hours
<u>Erika Herrero</u>	Treasurer	40 hours
<u>Alex Corrigan</u>	Secretary	10 hours
# ALIVE Students:	3 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	75 hours	

Other Information

We held 24 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 261 members. We have yet to complete the end of year survey.

Journalism Society

Our society this year really struggled to get off the ground. We are still a very new society and finding our feet has taken longer than expected. Our problems also stem from a lack of time. Everyone on the committee were all very busy and this particular society requires considerable time and effort. Our auditor Mark was wonderful though and he really put in most of the work this year.

We did succeed in some of our goals however, namely our weekly meetings. The society was much more consistent in holding meetings and producing work. The new video aspect worked really well but the blog took a bit of a dive due to poor input from members. We did get a lot of interested parties at our meetings however, and they helped when they were present.

Journalism Society Events list (7 Individual Events)

General Meeting: Social » AM205 » 30th September 2015

A social, relaxed gathering for those interested in Journalism, and sharing their thoughts and experiences. Tea, Coffee and Biscuits available. If you have any connection or interest in Student Journalism, please feel free to come along.

News-writing Workshop, and Global "Equality" broadcast: Seminar » AM205 » 07th October 2015

This week, we are please to announce that Jessica Thompson, Editor of SIN, will be hosting a workshop at AM205, on writing News stories. For anyone interested in getting involved with Journalism, this is one workshop you cannot afford to miss! After this workshop, we will also be doing our bit for the #NUIGGlobalWeek, by recording a News broadcast highlighting different examples of Equality - or lack thereof - in the world today. Anyone willing to be involved with this would be encouraged to bring in a news piece (preferably accompanied by a reputable source or article) that they can talk about (in front of a camera), relating to the theme of the status of Equality around the world today. As always, Tea, Coffee and Biscuits will be provided.

Journalism Society Meeting: Other » AM205 » 11th November 2015

Meeting weekly at AM205, Journalism Soc aims to provide an open, supportive environment for student journalists to discuss and share their experiences - as well as to film footage for Galway Student News. Free tea, coffee and biscuits for all!

Workshop on Journalistic Skills with Michael McCaughan: Seminar » AM205 » 18th November 2015

Michael McCaughan has worked widely in Latin America, writing for the Irish Times, Guardian and Sunday Telegraph. In this workshop he will draw on his personal experiences as a journalist, and will also allow for questions to be asked.

Journo Soc. EGM: Other » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 20th November 2015

We are having a brief EGM on Friday to elect members for our vacant Vice-Auditor role. OCM positions are also still possible to go for, should your fancy take you to our EGM.

Collab. Night with Writers' Soc.: Social » AM205 » 25th November 2015

There's a collaboration evening with Writers' Soc. this Wednesday at 7-8PM for everyone who is interested in journalism and writing. We'll have some fun games, writing challenges and you'll get to meet your fellow student journalists/budding authors. We're in the Arts Millennium Building..all the way upstairs kind of tucked away behind heavy doors. If you can't find it don't worry, we'll be on the lookout.

Movie Night: Social » AM205 » 03rd March 2016

We'll be watching 'Veronica Guerin' starring Cate Blanchett, a movie based on a true story. An Irish journalist investigates the drug trade in Dublin, but she and her family become targets of the criminal underworld. The event is on in AM205, which is upstairs in the Arts Millennium Building.

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Mark Laherty

Secretary: Heather Robinson

Auditor Emeritus: Thomas Creamer

Treasurer: Yvonne Kiely

Public Relations Officers: Kieran Kilkelly

Vice-Auditor: Claire Stone

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Mark Laherty

Vice-Auditor: Claire Stone

Secretary: Heather Robinson

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0.99	Bank charge	€29.16
USC Grant	€380.00	Dinner/Food	€100.00
		Expenditure Total	€129.16
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€251.83
Total	€380.99	Total	€380.99

Mission Statement

The NUI Galway Journalism Society aims to foster a social space for Student Journalists in NUI Galway, to provide workshops to teach people skills that would help them in their ambition to work in the media industry, to support freelancers, prolific writers, and people with ideas for ways to get student Journalists involved with each other. The society not only aims to give Student Journalists morale, but also to equip them with the skills necessary to break into an increasingly competitive vocational choice - and one which this society views as of vital importance for holding the powerful of our society to account, and to facilitate a collective discourse about the lives and problems of society in general.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We aim to organise workshops to teach relevant Journalism Skills.

We aim to publish content on our Blog, <http://seeouruniverse.weebly.com/>

We aim to produce a Student-based news series, "Galway Student News", or GSN.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was the launch of our Galway Student News channel. We produced a number of bitsized videos about society events around the college that really generated some interest online. Our following on Facebook grows almost weekly and after the blog was redesigned, we garnered a on of interest on wordpress.

Greatest Challenge

Time and committee members.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 7 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 4 committee members.

Journalism Society ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Thomas Creamer</u>	Auditor	200 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	200 hours	

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 255 members. 3 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Juggling Soc

Our society this year was a small one. We did not have a lot of people showing up to our sessions. However, we did become a very close-knit group of friends who look out for each other. We had a very enjoyable year as a committee and we hope our members did too. We made some mistakes but we also made some progress for the society as a whole. We hope that future committees can build upon what we have made and bring Juggling Soc to new heights.

Juggling Society Events list (55 Individual Events)

Skill Sharing: Training » The Foyer, Áras na Mac Léinn » 28th September 2015

Come along and have some fun with the Juggling Society as we all share skills with each other and have some fun!

Skill Sharing: Training » The Foyer, Áras na Mac Léinn » 30th September 2015

Come along and have some fun with the Juggling Society as we all share skills with each other and have some fun!

Partner Juggling Workshop: Training » The Foyer, Áras na Mac Léinn » 05th October 2015

We are doing a partner juggling workshop in support of mental health week because a problem shared is a problem halved :)

Passing Juggling Workshop: Training » The Foyer, Áras na Mac Léinn » 07th October 2015

On wednesday in support of Mental Health Week, we are doing a passing juggling workshop :) "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."

Skill Sharing: Training » The Foyer, Áras na Mac Léinn » 12th October 2015

Come along and have some fun with the Juggling Society as we all share skills with each other and have some fun!

Skill Sharing: Training » The Foyer, Áras na Mac Léinn » 14th October 2015

Come along and have some fun with the Juggling Society as we all share skills with each other and have some fun!

Skill Sharing: Training » The Foyer, Áras na Mac Léinn » 19th October 2015

Come along and have some fun with the Juggling Society as we all share skills with each other and have some fun!

Skill Sharing: Training » The Foyer, Áras na Mac Léinn » 21st October 2015

Come along and have some fun with the Juggling Society as we all share skills with each other and have some fun!

Skill Sharing: Training » The Foyer, Áras na Mac Léinn » 26th October 2015

Come along and have some fun with the Juggling Society as we all share skills with each other and have some fun!

Skill Sharing: Training » The Foyer, Áras na Mac Léinn » 28th October 2015

Come along and have some fun with the Juggling Society as we all share skills with each other and have some fun!

Juggling Practice: Other » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 02nd November 2015

Come have fun with juggling soc at their weekly juggling session!

Juggling Practice: Other » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 04th November 2015

Come have fun with juggling soc at their weekly juggling session!

Juggling Practice: Other » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 09th November 2015

Come have fun with juggling soc at their weekly juggling session!

Juggling Practice: Other » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 11th November 2015

Come have fun with juggling soc at their weekly juggling session!

Irish Juggling Convention: Training » Kerry, Tralee, Convention Hall » 13th November 2015

Juggling Practice: Other » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 16th November 2015

Come have fun with juggling soc at their weekly juggling session!

Juggling Practice: Other » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 18th November 2015

Come have fun with juggling soc at their weekly juggling session!

Juggling Practice: Other » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 23rd November 2015

Come have fun with juggling soc at their weekly juggling session!

Juggling Practice: Other » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 25th November 2015

Come have fun with juggling soc at their weekly juggling session!

Juggling Practice: Other » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 30th November 2015

Come have fun with juggling soc at their weekly juggling session!

Juggling Practice: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 18th January 2016

Juggling Practice in the foyer of Aras Na Macleinn (outside the bailey allen hall)

Juggling Practice: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 20th January 2016

Juggling Practice in the foyer of Aras Na Macleinn (outside the bailey allen hall)

Diabolo Workshop: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 25th January 2016

Come learn more about Diabolos at our workshop! We're bringing in an instructor from outside the college especially for the workshop! We look forward to having as many as possible there!

Juggling Practice: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 27th January 2016

Juggling Practice in the foyer of Aras Na Macleinn (outside the bailey allen hall)

Juggling Practice: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 01st February 2016

Juggling Practice in the foyer of Aras Na Macleinn (outside the bailey allen hall)

Juggling Practice: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 03rd February 2016

Juggling Practice in the foyer of Aras Na Macleinn (outside the bailey allen hall)

Juggling Crash Course in all things circus: Training » Bailey Allen Hall » 08th February 2016

We will have a crash course in all things circus related that week in preparation for our trip to Belfast.

Juggling Crash Course in all things Circus: Training » Bailey Allen Hall » 09th February 2016

We will have a crash course in all things circus related that week in preparation for our trip to Belfast.

Juggling Crash Course in all things Circus: Training » Bailey Allen Hall » 10th February 2016

We will have a crash course in all things circus related that week in preparation for our trip to Belfast.

Belfast Juggling Convention: Training » United Kingdom, Belfast, Queens University Belfast » 12th February 2016

We will be going to the Belfast Juggling Convention on the 12th to the 14th of February the bus will be leaving early Friday morning and returning Sunday evening. We hope everyone can attend :)

Juggling Practice: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 15th February 2016

Juggling Practice in the foyer of Aras Na Macleinn (outside the bailey allen hall)

Juggling Practice: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 17th February 2016

Juggling Practice in the foyer of Aras Na Macleinn (outside the bailey allen hall)

Juggling Practice: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 22nd February 2016

Juggling Practice in the foyer of Aras Na Macleinn (outside the bailey allen hall)

Juggling Practice: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 29th February 2016

Juggling Practice in the foyer of Aras Na Macleinn (outside the bailey allen hall)

Juggling Practice: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 02nd March 2016

Juggling Practice in the foyer of Aras Na Macleinn (outside the bailey allen hall)

Juggling Workshop in Galway Community College: Training » Galway, Galway city, Galway Community College » 03rd March 2016

Juggling Practice & AGM: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 07th March 2016

Juggling Practice in the foyer of Aras Na Macleinn (outside the bailey allen hall)

Juggling Practice: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 09th March 2016

Juggling Practice in the foyer of Aras Na Macleinn (outside the bailey allen hall)

Juggling Practice: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 14th March 2016

Juggling Practice in the foyer of Aras Na Macleinn (outside the bailey allen hall)

Juggling Practice: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 16th March 2016

Juggling Practice in the foyer of Aras Na Macleinn (outside the bailey allen hall)

Juggling Practice: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 21st March 2016

Juggling Practice in the foyer of Aras Na Macleinn (outside the bailey allen hall)

Juggling Practice: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 23rd March 2016

Juggling Practice in the foyer of Aras Na Macleinn (outside the bailey allen hall)

Juggling Practice: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 28th March 2016

Juggling Practice in the foyer of Aras Na Macleinn (outside the bailey allen hall)

Juggling Practice: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 30th March 2016

Juggling Practice in the foyer of Aras Na Macleinn (outside the bailey allen hall)

Juggling Practice: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 04th April 2016

Juggling Practice in the foyer of Aras Na Macleinn (outside the bailey allen hall)

Juggling Practice: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 06th April 2016

Juggling Practice in the foyer of Aras Na Macleinn (outside the bailey allen hall)

Dublin Circus Festival: Other » Dublin, D1, Larkin Community Hall » 08th April 2016

Juggling Practice: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 11th April 2016

Juggling Practice in the foyer of Aras Na Macleinn (outside the bailey allen hall)

Juggling Practice: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 13th April 2016

Juggling Practice in the foyer of Aras Na Macleinn (outside the bailey allen hall)

Juggling Practice: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 18th April 2016

Juggling Practice in the foyer of Aras Na Macleinn (outside the bailey allen hall)

Juggling Practice: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 20th April 2016

Juggling Practice in the foyer of Aras Na Macleinn (outside the bailey allen hall)

Juggling Practice: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 25th April 2016

Juggling Practice in the foyer of Aras Na Macleinn (outside the bailey allen hall)

Juggling Practice: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer » 27th April 2016

Juggling Practice in the foyer of Aras Na Macleinn (outside the bailey allen hall)

Galway Juggling Convention 2016: Arts & Culture » Aras na Mac Leinn » 27th May 2016

The Galway Juggling Convention (GJC) is NUIG's annual juggling convention. This year it will take place 27-29 May, Áras na Mac Leinn, NUIG. Pre-reg tickets now available online at the special price of €20. Tickets will also be available on the door for the weekend for €25 (day tickets and gala-only tickets available too). Friday: Registration and the hall opens at 4pm. Friday show Fire Jam Saturday: Stalls Workshops Games Qualifiers for Fight Night Volley Club Intervarsity Gala show at 8pm Renegade show at 10pm Sunday: Workshops Closing games Toss-up See how many days to go on The Juggling Edge. The Galway Juggling Convention is the only Galway based juggling convention, and currently one of four within the whole island. It first occurred in the year 2003 (in the Rowing Club) and was first held NUIG in 2010, and has run here since.

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Blake Bowers

Secretary: Christopher Kelly

Vice-Auditor: Eriu Morton

Treasurer: Kevin McGinley

Equipment officer: Krishnaswamy MacAuley

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Kevin McGinley

Secretary: Zita McLaughlin

Equipment Officer: Davin McGowan

OCM: Tuathlaith de Burca

Treasurer: Krishnaswamy MacAuley

Vice-Auditor: Christopher Kelly

OCM: Blake Bowers

OCM: Ella Ryan

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	311.88	Bank charge	€59.91
Ecommerce Sales	€310.00	Dinner/Food	€41.83
Fundraising	€110.00	Entry fees	€696.72
Members Contributions	€223.29	Equipment misc	€990.65
Socs box Till	€1,370.00	Materials	€61.00
Ticket Sales	€1,636.40	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€804.23
USC Grant	€3,500.00	Prizes	€100.00

		Promotions	€9.50
		Received Money Returned	€50.00
		Society accomm	€854.25
		Society transport	€807.68
		Speaker accomm	€270.00
		Speaker travel	€924.74
		Stationary	€41.32
		Teacher fees	€200.00
		Video Hire	€208.99
		Expenditure Total	€6,120.82
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,340.75
Total	€7,461.57	Total	€7,461.57

Mission Statement

The aim of the Juggling society is to promote and encourage juggling and other creative and performing arts in NUI Galway.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

For the coming year, we have the following aims:

- To increase our presence on campus
- To attend as many conventions as possible
- To get people more invested in the society and its committee
- To host a number of different workshops for the society

Society Performance Reflection

This year, I felt that we succeeded in following our constitution and to our aims and objectives. We gained new passionate members and brought people together on our various trips we had such as the National Circus Festival of Ireland, Belfast Juggling Convention and Dublin Circus Festival. We made many new friendships along the way and had fun through our common interest for juggling and the performing arts. We intend on keeping our current momentum and building an even better society next year.

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

- We increased our presence on campus by performing at many events for other societies.
- We attended all the conventions in Ireland this year.
- We have formed a group of people who are interested and passionate about juggling and who have volunteered to be on next year's committee
- We hosted a range of different workshops to cater for all people

Greatest Success

I believe our biggest success was changing ourselves from a Society into a close-knit Family, particularly as a committee, I feel juggling society has binded over the past year.

Greatest Challenge

Time management was often a challenge for us, too often we left this to the last minute or we would waste time in committee meetings having fun as opposed to discussing what needed to be discussed. This led to things not being finished on time or people leaving committee meetings because they did not have enough time.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 5 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 5 committee members.

Juggling Soc ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Kevin McGinley</u>	Treasurer	100 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	100 hours	

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 262 members. 5 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Law Soc

This year the NUI Galway Law Society enjoyed an extremely successful year. We arranged many educational and social events which provided a platform for all university students to explore the legal profession in a fun and dynamic environment. We kicked off the year assisting the School of Law with the First Year Induction Day. This gave everyone a chance to meet and find out what Law Soc had to offer.

We had an Evening with the Director of Public Prosecutions Ms Claire Loftus and an Evening with Ms Ursula Connolly who lectured on Online Torts. We organised an evening of information on Chinese Disability Law with Dr. Fu and conducted a panel of solicitors from Galway law firms.

We had a speed networking event with Arthur Cox and a summer internship information session with A&L Goodbody. We assisted the Career Development Centre on Law Firms Fair day. We arranged an internship programme with local firms and students have been given paid employment through this scheme.

We held the Annual Law Ball and an international trip to the Hague. We also had a fun team building committee night out.

We had weekly moot court meetings which culminated in the Annual Moot Court Competition. We attended a talk on Newstalk FM with Pat Kenny on a debate regarding repealing the 8th Amendment. We have rejuvenated the NUIG Law Journal which had been dormant for a number for years.

We are delighted with the work of the society this year and look forward to building on this next year.

Law Society Events list (28 Individual Events)

General Meeting: Social » IT125G » 22nd September 2015

General Meeting for all members to meet and discuss the coming year

Law Firms Fair: Other » Bailey Allen Hall » 28th September 2015

LawSoc will be lending a helping hand at the Law Firms' Fair. At least one member of LawSoc will be accompanying each firm at their stall; making them more approachable and less intimidating :) Come along, get free stuff and ask questions!

Online Speech and Tort Law: Social » MY243- Aras Moyola » 01st October 2015

A guest lecture on "Online speech and Tort law: potential for defamation, harassment and intentional infliction of emotional suffering actions". Social media is bigger than ever, but what happens when it goes wrong? NUIG Law Soc welcomes students for an evening of legal discussion, good laughs, and an experience of student life in Galway. All welcome, refreshments provided!

Moot Court Meeting: Training » UC102: Aras Ui Chathail » 06th October 2015

Moot Court Introduction, find out what is involved and our plans for the year.

The Director of Public Prosecutions Lecture: Other » ENG G047 (Ground Floor Engineering Building) » 15th October 2015

We here at LawSoc are delighted to announce that Ireland's Director of Public Prosecutions (The DPP) is coming to NUIG for an evening of insight & discussion. Claire Loftus has been the DPP since 2011 & has built up an extensive legal portfolio throughout the last two decades. She is going to give a talk on the role, powers & responsibilities of the DPP. Afterwards, there will be an open Q & A session, where the DPP will try to answer any general questions you may have about her role! So come along to the Engineering Building, in theater ENG-047 at 18:00 on Thurs 15th Oct. We will also be having a wine & cheese afters!

Moot Court Training: Training » AM150 » 20th October 2015

Mooting allows you to step into the shoes of a practicing lawyer and experience law in action. It's a fantastic way to develop oral advocacy skills, research skills and enhance your CV. It's also a great way to meet new people studying law and indulge your innate competitive nature smile emoticon Several external moot court competitions are held nationally and internationally so the opportunity to succeed is endless! Open to all levels of legal study. See you there!

Insider Internships: Conference » IT125 » 20th October 2015

Insider Internships! The law society are excited to announce a talk on internships and traineeships presented by Law Society members who have interned and trained at some of the country's biggest firms including: Arthur Cox, A&L Goodbody, Matheson, Maples, Walkers and Simmons & Simmons (UK). The talk is designed to provide a clear and informative overview of what a career in a big law firm is like, providing a brass tasks look at what you can expect. See you there!

Solicitors Panel: Conference » Aras Moyola » 21st October 2015

Law Society will be hosting an event for Galway's local Solicitors and Paralegals on Wednesday the 21st of October at 7pm. The evening will comprise of a panel of representatives from practices around the Galway city area and a chairperson who will be asking questions to each member on the panel.

Chinese Disability Law: Seminar » AC 201 » 02nd November 2015

Moot Court Training: Training » AM150 » 10th November 2015

Moot court continues in AM150 this Tuesday from 7.30pm until 9pm. Hope you can join us, Mary will be there to guide you through the question and give her expertise as always.

EGM: Social » IT250 » 18th November 2015

LawSoc are holding an EGM to elect THREE OCMs and ONE Social Secretary this Wednesday! Come along and nominate yourself for a position, or just come to use your vote.

Table Quiz!: Charity » The College Bar » 18th November 2015

LawSoc, BizSoc and EngSoc have teamed up for a MONSTER Table Quiz, cash prizes to be won on the night. Tables of 4 at €20, money raised will go to each Society's partner charity!

Zambia: Volunteer with LawSoc: Charity » Meeting Room 1, Aras na Mac Leinn » 20th November 2015

Want to do something amazing this summer? Use your legal skills to help Habitat for Humanity Zambia in their development work for two weeks. Raise vital funds and put your knowledge to good use! This is the first information session for potential volunteers, we look forward to seeing you.

Internships Deadline!: Training » Galway, Galway City, Law Firms » 30th November 2015

LawSoc has teamed up with the Galway Solicitor's Bar Association to get Internships for LawSoc members! Apply using this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1qu4d2JtEJMEHi_EZWnWhsh34pKKBIGSv4g6OvDI54y4/viewform?c=0&w=1 Fill out your CV! Get experience! Use this to start YOUR career!

Law Ball Ticket Sales: Social » Smokeys Cafe » 18th January 2016

FINAL YEAR only PRE-SALE: 12pm - 1pm GENERAL SALE: 1pm - 3pm Full Ball tickets: €55 Afters tickets: €30

Moot Competition Preparation: Training » Martin O Tnuthail Theatre » 20th January 2016

There will be a preparatory session on this Wednesday, Jan 20th from 6pm - 8pm in AM150 to prepare the teams entering the NUIG Internal Mooting competition. It is entirely based on the Moot Clinics completed over the course of Semester 1: the question is based on medical/sporting negligence. Teams consist of 2 entrants. Any questions: message us! Xo

Speed Networking with Arthur Cox: Social » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 26th January 2016

On Tuesday next we will have Arthur Cox representatives in NUIG from 6-7.30pm, It a chance to ask questions about Arthur Cox's internship in an informal setting. It's a great opportunity for students who are interested in an Arthur Cox internship over the summer. It will be as informal as possible to remove the barriers that usually exist students and partners in law firms. Hope to see you there.

Law Society Netherlands Trip: Arts & Culture » IT125G » 01st February 2016

We are delighted to announce that you are hereby invited to the Law Society's Trip to Amsterdam, where we will visit the Hague to experience the International Criminal Court and the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. The intended dates for the trip are Thursday 3rd to Sunday 6th of March 2016. The total cost is €120 for students. This includes flights, accommodation, and a return bus from Galway to Dublin Airport. Entry and tours of the ICC and ICTFY are free. In order to secure your place, students must place a deposit of €50 on next Monday, Feb 1st at 6.30pm in IT250. All full members of LawSoc are entitled to put themselves forward for the trip. However, as places are limited, in the event of an over-subscription, preference will be given to the most active members of the Law Society. See you on Monday for the first step into a big adventure.

Moot Court Prep Session: Training » AM150 » 03rd February 2016

There will be a preparatory session on this Wednesday, from 6pm - 8pm in AM150 to prepare the teams entering the NUIG Internal Mooting competition. Any questions: message us! Xo

Moot Court Workshop: Training » it 125 » 03rd February 2016

The final workshop to prepare the first year competitors for their Internal Moot Court Competition. This includes analysis on speeches and feedback, a mock moot, and information on the upcoming event.

Mooting Cup: Training » Galway, Galway City, Court House » 06th February 2016

LawSoc presents: The Mooting Cup. First Years are given the opportunity to use their legal skills and debating abilities to battle for victory. All are welcome to attend and witness the legal champions of tomorrow showing what they're worth. The winning team receives glory, dignity, honour, and afters tickets to this year's Law Ball. May the odds be ever in your favour!

A&L Goodbody Summer Internship Presentation: Training » Career Development Centre » 09th February 2016

A&L Goodbody will be on campus next Tuesday, 9th of Feb at 1pm to give a presentation on their Summer Internship Programme! A&L's SIP is open to all students in their penultimate or final year of their degree as well as to post grad students. It will take place in the Career Development Seminar Room, just off the corridor of the Concourse building. The event will be followed by networking over Mr Waffle's finest coffee, crepes and waffles! (After all, it is pancake Tuesday!)

Law Ball: Social » Galway, Galway, Galway Bay Hotel » 09th February 2016

The annual NUI Galway Law Ball will take place in the fabulous Galway Bay Hotel this year. It promises to be an unforgettable night. It's time for the guys to don your suits and dust off your dancing shoes and ladies get your glad-rags on for an brilliant night with a host of entertainment. It promises to be the biggest law ball to date.

Netherlands Trip Briefing: Other » IT125G » 22nd February 2016

All those going on the Netherlands trip must attend this meeting, details on Itinerary, Safety and Departure will all be revealed.

Law Soc visits the International Criminal Court: Social » Netherlands, Rotterdam, The Hague » 02nd March 2016

On Wednesday, NUI Galway Law Society will venture on its International Trip to the Netherlands. A group of 40 Law Society members will travel to Rotterdam for three days, here they will visit The Hague and get a tour of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. They will get the chance to meet one of the professional prosecutors, who brings charges against perpetrators who allegedly committed serious crimes during the Yugoslav Wars. They will also visit the Dutch cities of Rotterdam and Amsterdam to relax and explore beforehand.

Law Soc AGM: Other » Anderson Lecture Theatre » 05th April 2016

We are pleased to announce NUI Galway's Law Society's Annual General Meeting will be taking place on Monday April 5th 2016 at 7.30pm in the Anderson Theatre, Arts Concourse Building. 12 Committee positions will be open on the night. Three of these are for our Executive Committee: Auditor, Vice-Auditor and Treasurer. The other non executive positions are; Secretary, Social Secretary, Public Relations Officer, Members Liaison Officer, Education Officer, Speakers Convenor, Moot Court Convenor, Marshall of the House and Strategic Director (filled by a member of the outgoing executive).

Committee 2015/2016

- OCM:** Shauna Moran
- Treasurer:** Grace Kennedy
- Public Relations Officer :** Donal Campbell
- Moot Court Convenor:** Mary Kerrigan
- Education Officer:** Pauric O'Connor
- Secretary:** Andrew Barr
- OCM:** Sharon Murray

- Auditor:** Darren Reilly
- Vice-Auditor:** Jessica Richter
- Speaker's Convenor :** Niamh Gallagher
- Marshall of the House:** Ronan Molloy
- Members Liaison Officer:** David Bromell
- Social Secretary:** Tara Baynes
- OCM:** Fiachra MacSuibhne

Committee 2016/2017

- Auditor:** Darren Reilly
- Vice-Auditor:** Sharon Murray
- Public Relations Officer:** Fiachra MacSuibhne
- Speaker Convenor:** Oissine O'Murchadha
- Members Liaison Officer:** Abhainn Coleman
- Marshall of the House:** Mary Kerrigan

- Treasurer:** Grace Kennedy
- Secretary:** John Finn
- Moot Court Convenor:** Alexander Burke
- Social Secretary:** Shona Tansey
- Education Officer:** Diarmuid "Curraoin"

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	382.66	Bank charge	€42.58
Socs box Till	€2,380.00	Gifts	€64.00
Ticket Sales	€3,035.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€144.31
USC Grant	€5,500.00	Reception	€54.06

		Society accomm	€3,936.03
		Society transport	€4,117.18
		Socs day expenses	€31.64
		Stationary	€13.63
		Expenditure Total	€8,403.43
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,894.23
Total	€11,297.66	Total	€11,297.66

Law Ball Balance Sheet - 2015/2016

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,641.24	Ball	€12,078.14
Socs box Till	€2,370.00	Bank charge	€61.08
Sponsorship	€6,000.00	Dinner/Food	€184.50
Ticket Sales	€6,482.00	Entertainment	€110.40
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€11.92
		Expenditure Total	€12,446.04
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€4,047.20
Total	€16,493.24	Total	€16,493.24

Mission Statement

The Law Society of NUI Galway is dedicated to promoting friendly, respectful and enriched relations between students of law and students of all disciplines through law related and non-law related activities. We aim to provide a springboard for students who would like to be further involved in what goes on on the campus outside of the lecture theater. The society will, through collaboration with external bodies and agencies if needed, allow for students to unwind and relax in a welcoming and fully inclusive environment. Unlike the courts, there are no judgments here!

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We aim to increase awareness of the Law Society on a nationwide basis whilst also having a positive impact on students. We aim to assist students with advocacy through moot courts. We are dedicated to getting the NUI Galway Law Journal back up and running. We hope to strengthen the relationship between the Law School and the Society. We hope to bring top class speakers to the university and opening up the society further to students of all disciplines.

Society Performance Reflection

The Law Society had an extremely successful year. Our aims and objectives included the revival of the NUI Galway Law Journal. Following many months of hard work which involved correlation of previous essays we are now ready to go to print on the journal this week. This highlights our dedication to our original aims and ensures students who do well are awarded for their hard

work. We aimed to bring top class speakers to the university and once again we have delivered on this objective and we have plans for an especially high profile speaker to come in September. One of the core priorities of the Law Society was to include students from all disciplines. This was particularly successful when we held career events. This includes our evening of Insider Internships. Many arts and commerce students attended this event and they were delighted to be provided with information regarding the recruitment process of law firms.

As regards social events, the Society had a prosperous year. At the beginning of the year we conducted a induction programme for first year law students, this included a buffet reception in the arts millennium. Law Soc were aware that it can be quite daunting starting in college and that some of the lecturers may seem unapproachable. We wanted to dispel that myth by providing students and lecturers an opportunity to talk in an informal setting and break down the barriers that students might think exist. We enjoyed team building activities and worked with a tight budget for the Annual Law Ball. This event went exceptionally well and we were delighted with the feedback we received from both Socs Box and academic staff. We also teamed up with other societies for events such as table quizzes. We had a strong affiliation with both Eng Soc and Biz Soc. This was vital in ensuring we communicated the society's work to as many students as possible.

We also joined forces with Cancer Soc to raise money for Cancer Care West. Everyone knows someone or has been affected by cancer in some way, and we as a society wanted to reach out and use our resources to give back to those helping to fight cancer. We managed to raise a €220 from just a few hours selling baked goods we made at home. All funds raised went directly to Cancer Care West based on the Galway University Hospital campus.

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

One of our main objectives was to strengthen the relationship between the Law Society and the NUI School of Law. We did this by beginning the year with a meeting with Professor Donncha O'Connell. We spoke to him about building a working relationship which allows students and the faculty to work closely together and support each other. This was achieved from the outset. The Law Society assisted at the School of Law First Year Induction Day. This gave new students a chance to meet face to face with our committee.

We collaborated once again for the Law Firms Fair day. Fifteen law firms attended and the committee provided one member to assist each firm for the day. All law firms appreciated having a link with the society for the days and made many of the stalls more approachable for students to come and ask questions. We shared many of the School of Law events through our Facebook page and also via email. Faculty members also came to our events such as the Law Ball.

We had an excellent relationship with many lecturers. We have worked with Ursula Connolly for both moot court workshops and informative evenings regarding online torts. We have also achieved this aim through assisting Dr. Brian Tobin in advertising events which provide an insight into surrogacy laws.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success is undoubtedly the organisation of the Law Ball on an extremely tight budget. We were forced to negotiate the best possible deals for our venue, entertainment acts and all other expenditures. Ticket sales were not as rapid as we had expected but by keeping all committee members spirits high and ensuring constant communication and feedback we ran an excellent event in the end. By speaking to staff, students and members of the Socs Box on the night we were delighted to see that everyone had an incredibly positive experience. This success propelled the society for semester two and gave further motivation to our team. We were pleased that our Law Ball was attended by Arts, Engineering and Commerce students. This once again hearkens back to the society's aim of including all disciplines in our work.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge was ensuring we involved as many students as possible. There had been issues with the inclusion of BA Legal Studies students who had felt left out of the Law Society in previous years. We aimed to eradicate this problem by creating three new positions which were elected well into September. This gave first years in particular a chance to be involved as they were not at the AGM in March. We aimed to include a broad spectrum of students and this was how we tackled the issue at hand. Ensuring constant communication was ensured by focusing on having a dedicated facebook group which included Law Society Ambassadors. All events were updated through this forum as well as keeping our mailing list updated at all times. Texts were sent out and posters distributed for all events. We also conducted shout outs at the beginning of lecturers to ensure the word was spread about activities around the campus. Active participation at both Socs Days meant we extended our membership to well over 800 members.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 11 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 11 committee members.

Law Soc ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Donal Campbell</u>	PRO, Legal Advisor with CDLP	40 hours
<u>David Bromell</u>	Liaison Officer	40 hours
<u>Diarmuid "Curraoin"</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	25 hours
<u>Jessica Richter</u>	Vice Auditor	100 hours
<u>Darren Reilly</u>	Auditor	150 hours
<u>Grace Kennedy</u>	Treasurer	150 hours
<u>Shauna Moran</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	30 hours
<u>Ronan Molloy</u>	Marshall of the House	80 hours
<u>Eamonn Hanley</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	24 hours
<u>Abhainn Coleman</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	22 hours
<u>Macdara Kinnane</u>	Volunteer	35 hours
<u>Tara Baynes</u>	Social Secretary	100 hours
<u>Niamh Gallagher</u>	Speakers Convener	46 hours
<u>Pauric O'Connor</u>	Education Officer	40 hours
<u>Sharon Murray</u>	Volunteering	35 hours
# ALIVE Students:	15 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	917 hours	

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 858 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Life Society

Life Society launched the Yes to Life campaign on campus this year to start a conversation around the university and city about the 8th amendment and how it has protected mothers and babies for more than 30 years. We attended the Rally for Life in Munster and the Celebrate the 8th event in Dublin where we heard from people whose lives have been saved by the 8th amendment. We also followed closely the developments on the abortion giant Planned Parenthood in the States as their grisly practices were exposed by investigators. A poster campaign around campus raised awareness about how the abortion industry was selling the brains, livers, hearts and other body parts of aborted babies.

During the summer, we plan to attend the All Ireland Rally for Life and join the Pro life Roadshow. In addition, we will participate in a documentary film to highlight the importance of the 8th amendment.

Life Soc had a great year and hope to continue our efforts through the summer.

Life Society Events list (27 Individual Events)

Pro Life Kite Day: Social » President's Lawn » 02nd September 2015

Life Soc is hosting a table and flying life kites to welcome back students for a new year

Societies' Day 1: Other » Bailey Allen Hall Aras na Mac Leinn » 09th September 2015

Life Soc hosted a table at Societies' Day

Meet and Greet: Social » Meeting Room 1 Aras na Mac Leinn » 09th September 2015

Welcome to all our new members!

Pro Life Street Session: Other » Shop Street » 26th September 2015

Bring the message of life to Shop Street in the heart of Galway with Life Society! We will have information, banners and posters. Come for five minutes or an hour.

Bella Film Screening: Arts & Culture » Kirwan Theatre » 30th September 2015

Winner of the People's Choice Award at the Toronto Film Festival, this film explores the infinite value of one human life, abortion as a response to a human crisis, and the impact one choice can make on the people around us. Directed by Alejandro Gomez Monteverde and starring Eduardo Verastegui and Tammy Blanchard, Bella has made a huge impact on viewers around the world with its life affirming message. Refreshments and discussion following.

Yes to Life launch: Seminar » Kingfisher Sport Centre Boardroom » 16th October 2015

Niamh Uí Bhriain of the Life Institute will speak at the launch of the Yes to Life campaign at NUIG. Afterwards there will be a short training session for those who wish to help with canvassing. Join us as we celebrate the eighth amendment

It's A Girl film screening: Arts & Culture » Dillon Theatre » 29th October 2015

The documentary film 'It's a Girl' details the terrible toll that abortion plays in femicide, the killing of women and girls simply because they are female. Internationally abortion is responsible for the huge gender imbalance in China and is a growing gendercide problem in countries like India and England, despite attempts to restrict it. Everyone is invited to come get informed on this issue and discuss how to expose and end this terrible tragedy.

Street Session: Survey » Shop Street Galway City Centre » 31st October 2015

Come help Life Society spread the message of life on Shop Street

Stump the Pro Lifer: Other » McMunn Theatre » 04th November 2015

Do you consider yourself pro choice on abortion? Have you not made up your mind on this issue? Have you hard questions about abortion? Come along and ask Cora Sherlock anything you like about this topic and see if she can give you a good answer. Everyone welcome!

EGM: Other » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 12th November 2015

EGM to elect a few committee positions (auditor, first year rep, and OCM) and review the new constitution

Yes to Life Campaign: Other » Shop Street Galway City Centre » 28th November 2015

Join us on Shop Street to help start a citywide conversation on the importance of the 8th amendment. We will be encouraging people to ask questions and voice their opinions about the current abortion ban and the possibility of a referendum to remove protection from unborn babies.

Yes to Life canvass: Survey » Westwood Hotel » 30th November 2015

Join us as we spread the message of life around Galway.

The Giver film screening: Arts & Culture » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 03rd December 2015

In a brave new future world all of society's ills have been solved by the introduction of sanitised involuntary euthanasia. But have they? Is destroying another human being the answer to any problem? Film and discussion afterwards! Take a break from your studies for a thought provoking evening.

Societies Day 2: Other » Bailey Allen Hall Aras na Mac Leinn » 13th January 2016

Life Soc will host a table to sign up new members and pass out Yes to Life materials

Meet and Greet: Social » Meeting Room 2, Aras na Mac Leinn » 13th January 2016

Hello Everyone :) Coming back to NUIG for semester 2 of the academic year 2015/16, Pro Life Soc meeting will be held on Wednesday the 13th of January at 6pm. During this meeting we will discuss our plans and objectives for this semester, but primarily we would like to welcome our new members and take this opportunity to get to know each other. See you all there

Life Training Workshop: Training » Meeting Room 1, Aras na Mac Leinn » 20th January 2016

Yes to Life campus outreach: Survey » Meeting Room 1 Aras na Mac Leinn » 27th January 2016

Bringing the message of life around campus

Film Screening of Butterfly Circus: Social » Meeting Room 1, Aras na Mac Leinn » 03rd February 2016

8th Amendment Debate: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 18th February 2016

Life Society participates in the Lit and Deb debate on the 8th amendment. Come along and have your say.

Pro Life Chalk Day: Other » Footpath beside the Arts Millennium Building » 24th February 2016

Chalk art and pro life messages coming to a venue near you!

Rally for Life Cork: Other » Cork, Cork, city centre » 27th February 2016

Life Soc will travel to Cork for the first ever Munster Rally for Life. Bus leaves the Cathedral 9:30 a.m. Join us as we march to celebrate life

Yes to Life canvass: Survey » Meeting Room 1, Aras na Mac Leinn » 09th March 2016

Life Soc brings the message of life to Galway City. Join us as we start a conversation about the right to life of unborn babies and the importance of the 8th amendment

Yes to Life Street Session: Survey » Galway, Galway City, Shop Street » 26th March 2016

Life Soc continues the discussion on the 8th amendment and the right to life with students and the general public

Yes to Life canvass: Survey » Meeting Room 1 Aras na Mac Leinn » 13th April 2016

Life Soc continues with the citywide discussion around abortion, the 8th amendment, and the rights of unborn children

Irish and Islamic Perspectives on Abortion: Conference » Arts Millennium » 14th April 2016

Joint discussion on the two legal, social and political views on the unborn child, and efforts to provide protection.

Short Film: former abortionist Dr. Anthony Levatino tells his story: Training » Meeting Room 1 » 27th April 2016

Life Society hosts a short film featuring former abortionist Anthony Levatino as he describes his career as an abortionist and how he came to leave it behind to stand for life. Refreshments and discussion after. Everyone welcome

Yes to Life Street Session: Survey » Galway, Galway City, Eyre Square » 30th April 2016

Join Life Society as we talk to people about the 8th amendment and promoting a culture of life.

Committee 2015/2016

OCM: Sarah Standen

Staff Rep: Brendan Togher

Secretary: Kevin O'Sullivan

Treasurer: Maria P Mahoney

Vice-Auditor: Oisín Molloy

Auditor: Radko Vyukal

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Maria P Mahoney

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	342.74	Bank charge	€15.99
USC Grant	€500.00	Hall hire	€90.00
		Materials	€129.50
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€9.47
		Socs day expenses	€24.15
		Expenditure Total	€269.11
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€573.63
Total	€842.74	Total	€842.74

Mission Statement

Our aim is to promote respect for ALL life from conception to natural death. Life is a gift and we want to raise awareness and show that it should never be taken for granted. Life is precious.

We try to raise awareness through open charitable discussions.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Our goals are to promote LIFE, especially to protect our eighth amendment. Guest speakers, a pro life kite day, the I am Here exhibition, poster blitzes, and a pro life chalk day are some of the events we hope to hold

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 6 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 4 committee members.

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 116 members. 1 committee member has completed the end of year survey.

Lit & Deb

The society has gone through many changes this year through committee members leaving, joining and changing roles. There have been many highlights this year despite the changes, with competitive success for our members in the Irish Times and Irish Junior Mace competition, as well as having massive enjoyment and engagement at our Thursday night events. Our biggest event and most successful event was our Evening with Ardal O'Hanlon, where we enjoyed a packed house full of students and members of the public. In addition to our regular events we hosted the annual Irish National Law Debates, which was a large success and very enjoyable for all those involved.

Literary and Debating Society Events list (72 Individual Events)

Workshop: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 15th September 2015

Come along to Lit&Deb Workshops this Tuesday in the Kirwan Theatre at 7pm to better yourself at public speaking! We all need a helping hand. Have 10. Have 20. Go crazy. See you there!

Hangout: Social » Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 » 16th September 2015

Come along to Lit&Deb informal hangouts this Wednesday from 3-6 to bathe in good talks and times of gesticulating and pontificating. Free tea and coffee for all who come, we promise it'll be worth the trek!

Religion Debate - Does religion do more harm than good?: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 17th September 2015

This Thursday in the Kirwan Theatre, join us as we discuss the motion "This House Believes Religion Does More Harm Than Good". Throughout history, religion has been a crutch for countless people, whilst simultaneously causing chaos. Can it be used as an excuse to start a war? Or should it be a means with which to end said war? The formal debate will be preceded by Private Members Time, in which anyone from the floor can propose a motion, and provided it is seconded and formally opposed, a debate will be held.

Bring Your Own Motion: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 24th September 2015

This week at Lit&Deb, we will have a series of quick impromptu debates suggested by our audience members. If there's something you really want to get off your chest, come along to the Kirwan this Thursday and let it out!

Workshop: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 29th September 2015

In the Kirwan on a Tuesday evening, you will find a group of people hell-bent on improving your public speaking and debating. It's our duty! If you're interested in speaking on interesting topics at our main debates, this is the perfect opportunity to hone your skills.

Hangouts: Social » Meeting Rooms » 30th September 2015

Lit&Deb hangouts are a good break in the week, with free tea and coffee and good chats. Come along to Meeting Rooms 1&2 if you need some time away from a stressful week!

The Gender Equality Panel Discussion: Seminar » Kirwan Theatre » 01st October 2015

This week, we at the Literary and Debating society will be hosting a Panel discussion on Gender Equality in Academia, with a focus on NUIG and its task force. The panel discussion will be preceded by private members time, where anyone can propose a motion they wish to discuss, provided it is seconded and formally opposed. As usual, the event will begin at the Kirwan Theatre at 7pm. After the debate, there will also be a social held at Murty Rabbits pub. Hope to see you there!

Lit&Deb Workshops: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 06th October 2015

Every Tuesday from 7-10 in the Kirwan Theatre we sharpen up our debating skills in our weekly workshop! Whether you're completely new or experienced in the art of oratory, come along!

Hangouts: Social » Meeting Rooms » 07th October 2015

Lit&Deb hangouts are a good break in the week, with free tea and coffee and good chats. Come along to Meeting Rooms 1&2 if you need some time away from a stressful week!

Rant Night: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 08th October 2015

Come along to the Kirwan Theatre on Thursday 8th of October for an extra special night in light of Mental Health Week. If you have something that annoys you; something that bothers you; something that you simply **MUST** speak about... Come and rant to us! We're the best listeners. You might even spur on another's speech!

Lit&Deb Workshops: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 13th October 2015

Every Tuesday from 7-10 in the Kirwan Theatre we sharpen up our debating skills in our weekly workshop! Whether you're completely new or experienced in the art of oratory, come along!

Hangouts: Social » Meeting Rooms » 14th October 2015

Lit&Deb's informal hangouts!

Literary Event: Arts & Culture » Kirwan Theatre » 15th October 2015

Guests at the literary event will be Declan Hughes (Award Winning crime fiction author described by John Connolly as 'the best Irish Crime novelist of his generation'), Lisa McInerney (author of the acclaimed novel *The Glorious Heiresses*), John Walsh (award winning poet and founder of Doire Press), and Geraldine Mills (poet, short story writer and recipient of The Katherine Kavanagh Fellowship). These guests will be giving advice on how to be a writer and how to get published, as well as performing pieces they have written. There will be a Q and A afterwards. Also, from a 7 until 8, there will be an Open Mike, where there will be contributions from the floor. You can say a poem, short story, extract from a novel or play, or even bring a guitar and sing a song. The best contribution from the floor will win a prize at the end of the night. There will be a Q and A afterwards. Also, from a 7 until 8, there will be an Open Mike, where there will be contributions from the floor. You can say a poem, short story, extract from a novel or play, or even bring a guitar and sing a song. The best contribution from the floor will win a prize at the end of the night.

Lit&Deb Workshops: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 20th October 2015

Every Tuesday from 7-10 in the Kirwan Theatre we sharpen up our debating skills in our weekly workshop! Whether you're completely new or experienced in the art of oratory, come along!

Hangouts: Social » Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 » 21st October 2015

Join us from 3-6 in the Meeting Rooms in aras na macleinn for our weekly hangout!

The Commercial Surrogacy debate: Arts & Culture » Kirwan Theatre » 22nd October 2015

Join Lit and Deb as we debate the motion 'This house would legalize Commercial Surrogacy' at 8pm in the Kirwin theatre! The main debate will be followed by Private Members Time (PMT)

Tags: feminist, debate, lit and deb, commercial surrogacy

Lit&Deb Workshops: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 27th October 2015

Every Tuesday from 7-10 in the Kirwan Theatre we sharpen up our debating skills in our weekly workshop! Whether you're completely new or experienced in the art of oratory, come along!

The Riots Debate: Arts & Culture » Kirwan Theatre » 29th October 2015

Lit&Deb Workshops: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 03rd November 2015

Every Tuesday from 7-10 in the Kirwan Theatre we sharpen up our debating skills in our weekly workshop! Whether you're completely new or experienced in the art of oratory, come along!

Hangouts: Social » Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 » 04th November 2015

Stop by our weekly hangouts every Wednesday from 3-6 in the Meeting Rooms in Aras na Macleinn! :D

An Evening with Ardal O'Hanlon: Arts & Culture » Kirwan Theatre » 05th November 2015

This week we will be presenting Ardal O'Hanlon with the President's Medal! The main event will take place at 8pm with a PMT from 7pm! See you there!

Lit&Deb Workshops: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 10th November 2015

Every Tuesday from 7-10 in the Kirwan Theatre we sharpen up our debating skills in our weekly workshop! Whether you're completely new or experienced in the art of oratory, come along!

Hangouts: Social » Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 » 11th November 2015

Stop by our weekly hangouts every Wednesday from 3-6 in the Meeting Rooms in Aras na Mac leinn! :D

The EU Debate: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 12th November 2015

Join Lit&Deb this week as we debate the motion "This House Would Leave the EU"

Lit&Deb Workshops: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 17th November 2015

Every Tuesday from 7-10 in the Kirwan Theatre we sharpen up our debating skills in our weekly workshop! Whether you're completely new or experienced in the art of oratory, come along!

Hangouts: Social » Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 » 18th November 2015

Stop by our weekly hangouts every Wednesday from 3-6 in the Meeting Rooms in Aras na Mac leinn! :D

Harry Potter Debate: Arts & Culture » Kirwan Theatre » 19th November 2015

Join us Gryffindors, Ravenclaws, Hufflepuffs and Slytherins as we foray into the world of Harry Potter, in association with Potter Soc. We'll be debating "This House would tell the Muggles" as our main motion. Do you think the Muggle world is ready for magic?

Christmas Party: Social » Galway, Galway City, House Hotel » 20th November 2015

We're celebrating Christmas a little early! So please join us at the House Hotel in Galway City, Friday the 20th November from 8:30pm!

Internal Mace Workshop: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 24th November 2015

Instead of a normal workshop this week, we have something even more exciting. The time has come to participate Lit&Deb's Internal Mace, a prestigious competition among our speakers - less prestigious since we lost the actual mace, but exciting all the same. You should definitely give it a shot!

Hangouts: Other » Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 » 25th November 2015

Lit and Deb's hangouts will be in the meeting rooms 1&2 in Aras na Mac Leinn from 3-6. Be there! Or, go to lectures. I'm an email, not a cop.

Internal Mace Final: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 26th November 2015

It's the final! The speakers who make it through the initial Mace round on Tuesday will be taking place in the grand finale, akin to a fight to the death. Do you want to miss that? I'll answer that - no, you don't. Come on down! As always, we have Private Members Time beforehand, in which anyone can propose a motion to the floor. It's not really all that private, don't be shy. The main debate will be followed by a social in Murty Rabbit's Pub on Forster Street.

UCC Debating Intersarsity: Conference » Cork, Cork, UCC » 27th November 2015

UCC are holding their annual debating competition on Friday 27th and Saturday 28th November. GO TEAM LIT N' DEB!!!

TP O'Connor: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 14th January 2016

No one really knows who TP O'Connor was or what he did or if he was even real. But what is certain is that, every year, the Lit & Deb gather in his name and give speeches on whatever topic they like, competing for the timeless honour of living up to the glorious name of that man, or maybe woman, since we're not 100% certain on who they are. Just trust us, it'll be great. As usual, there will be a PMT starting from 7 before the main debate.

Workshops: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 19th January 2016

Come along to our public speaking and debating workshops on Tuesday nights in the Kirwan to learn how to talk good, and in front of people. Don't miss out! This week's workshop is an intro to Public Speaking & Debating.

Hangouts: Other » Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 » 20th January 2016

Lit&Deb have our weekly hangouts in the Meeting Rooms in Aras na Mac Leinn! Join us for tea, coffee, biscuits and more than likely interesting conversation.

THW Privatised Healthcare: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 21st January 2016

Healthcare has been a growing issue in Ireland for quite some time, but there has always been arguments on how to best utilise it. Should we let the private businesses decide how it is run, in the hopes it will create a better, more efficient healthcare system? Or should we let the government control and expand it, in order to hopefully have satisfactory health care accessible to everyone? Come down to the Kirwan this Thursday 21st to find out!

Workshops: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 26th January 2016

Spend your Tuesday night in the Kirwan Theatre learning how to speak about things you feel passionately about. What else would you be doing? Honestly. I mean, honestly.

Hangouts: Other » Aras na Mac Leinn Meeting Room 2 » 27th January 2016

Hangouts this week in Meeting Room 2 in Arás na Mac Leinn from 3 until 6. Lit&Deb behind the green curtain, you might say. Seriously though, it'll be good. Coffee, tea, biscuits, crack. Sorry, I meant craic. Or did I? Come find out.

This House Regrets the Demise of Rave Culture: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 28th January 2016

Join us to debate the motion 'This House Regrets the Demise of Rave Culture.' Listen to expert guest speakers discuss the popularity of raves and have your say on the topic. As always a PMT debate precedes the main motion on the night, where anyone can raise a topic for discussion.

Workshops: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 02nd February 2016

Spend your Tuesday night in the Kirwan Theatre learning how to speak about things you feel passionately about. What else would you be doing? Honestly. I mean, honestly.

This House Would Sign Up to TTIP: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 04th February 2016

Do you care about online privacy? Do you want to remain free from large corporate control? Would public services be better if privately controlled? Join us to discuss all this and more in our debate This House Would Sign up to TTIP. As always, followed by a social in Murty Rabbits pub and preceded by a PMT debate!

Workshops: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 09th February 2016

Spend your Tuesday night in the Kirwan Theatre learning how to speak about things you feel passionately about. What else would you be doing? Honestly. I mean, honestly.

Hangouts: Other » Aras na Mac Leinn Meeting Room 2 » 10th February 2016

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Lit and Deb's Alumni Debate: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 11th February 2016

As is tradition, we have called back some of our favourite people who have, at one time in their busy lives, participated in the Lit&Deb, to debate for your eyes only!

Irish National Law Debates: Conference » Concourse and Arts Millennium Building » 12th February 2016

The annual Irish National Law Debates are here again this Valentine's Weekend! This competition will feature debaters from around the country doing what they do best. Registration will be from 14:00 in Áras na Mac Léinn, with the rounds held in the Concourse for the 12th and the Arts Millennium Building for the 13th. The final will be held in the Galway Bay Hotel! Sponsored by the Bank of Ireland.

Workshops: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 16th February 2016

Spend your Tuesday night in the Kirwan Theatre learning how to speak about things you feel passionately about. What else would you be doing? Honestly. I mean, honestly.

Hangouts: Other » Aras na Mac Leinn Meeting Room 2 » 17th February 2016

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This House Would Repeal the 8th Amendment: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 18th February 2016

Come to the Kirwan to debate the motion This House Would Repeal the 8th Amendment. With guest speakers on both sides join the discussion and have your voice heard!

Workshops: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 23rd February 2016

Spend your Tuesday night in the Kirwan Theatre learning how to speak about things you feel passionately about. What else would you be doing? Honestly. I mean, honestly. **Lit and Deb's Internal Maidens Final:** Other » Kirwan Theatre » 25th February 2016

Join us for the final round of our Internal Maidens Competition where individual novice speakers will fight to the death for their honour! The winner will progress onto the National Maidens Competition in Dublin.

Belfast Queens Annual Trust IV 2016: Other » Queens Belfast » 27th February 2016

The Queens Annual Trust IV Belfast 2016

Workshops: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 01st March 2016

Spend your Tuesday night in the Kirwan Theatre learning how to speak about things you feel passionately about.

Hangouts: Other » Aras na Mac Leinn Meeting Room 2 » 02nd March 2016

Hangouts this week in Meeting Room 2 in Arás na MacLeinn from 3 until 6. Lit & Deb behind the green curtain, you might say. Seriously though, it'll be good. Coffee, tea, biscuits, crack. Sorry, I meant craic. Or did I? Come find out.

This House Believes Sources Should Be Published: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 03rd March 2016

Meet us in the Kirwan to debate the motion This House Believes Sources Should Be Posted. This critical subject will be addressed by guest speakers, before the audience are encouraged to contribute to the debate. As usual, the main motion is preceded by a PMT debate where anyone can raise a topic for discussion.

The University of Limerick Open 2016: Other » University of Limerick » 04th March 2016

The UL Open 2016

Workshops: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 08th March 2016

Spend your Tuesday night in the Kirwan Theatre learning how to speak about things you feel passionately about.

This House Would Close Borders in Times of Crisis: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 10th March 2016

The motion for the house is "This House Would Close its Borders in Times of Crisis". It will be proceeded by a PMT where anyone can propose a motion from the floor, so come prepared! Followed by a social in Murty Rabbits pub, Forster Street.

Workshops: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 15th March 2016

Spend your Tuesday night in the Kirwan Theatre learning how to speak about things you feel passionately about. What else would you be doing? Honestly. I mean, honestly.

Hangouts: Other » Aras na Mac Leinn Meeting Room 2 » 16th March 2016

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Astrals and Hat Night: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 16th March 2016

This week we are breaking away from our traditional format and instead combining two of our favourite events. First off, we will have Astrals where you get to debate while speaking in an accent. Then we will have Hat Night, where there will be motions put into a hat, you pick one out and argue in favour of it.

Workshops: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 22nd March 2016

Spend your Tuesday night in the Kirwan Theatre learning how to speak about things you feel passionately about. What else would you be doing? Honestly. I mean, honestly. This week's topic is Economics. Scary.

Hangouts: Other » Aras na Mac Leinn Meeting Room 2 » 23rd March 2016

Hangouts this week in Meeting Room 2 in Arás na MacLeinn from 3 until 6. Lit&Deb behind the green curtain, you might say. Seriously though, it'll be good. Coffee, tea, biscuits, crack. Sorry, I meant craic. Or did I? Come find out.

Workshops: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 29th March 2016

Spend your Tuesday night in the Kirwan Theatre learning how to speak about things you feel passionately about. What else would you be doing? Honestly. I mean, honestly.

Hangouts: Other » Aras na Mac Leinn Meeting Room 2 » 30th March 2016

Hangouts this week in Meeting Room 2 in Arás na MacLeinn from 3 until 6. Lit&Deb behind the green curtain, you might say. Seriously though, it'll be good. Coffee, tea, biscuits, crack. Sorry, I meant craic. Or did I? Come find out.

Workshops: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 05th April 2016

Spend your Tuesday night in the Kirwan Theatre learning how to speak about things you feel passionately about. What else would you be doing? Honestly. I mean, honestly.

The Glasgow Ancients Open 2016: Other » Glasgow University » 08th April 2016

The Glasgow Ancients Open 2016

Glasgow Women's Open 2016: Other » Glasgow University » 10th April 2016

The Glasgow Women's Open 2016

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Brian Farragher

Secretary: Ciara Moloney

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PRO: Kate Muldowney

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Schools Convenor: Emily Elizabeth Gleeson

Clerk of the House: Eanna McGovern

Deputy Debates Secretary: Christopher Collins

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PRO: Darra Deane

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,978.24	Bank charge	€170.25
Fundraising	€2,615.00	Dinner/Food	€1,263.83
Hoodies	€190.00	Entry fees	€4,420.00
Refund of Expenses	€105.64	Equipment misc	€18.45
Socs box Till	€193.00	Gifts	€95.91
Sponsorship	€1,000.00	Hoodies	€150.00
Ticket Sales	€4,050.00	Materials	€6.50
USC Grant	€12,500.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€666.34
		Printing	€450.00
		Prizes	€271.35
		Reception	€4,074.24
		Returned Socs Money	€105.64
		Services Hired	€941.00
		Society accomm	€4,253.69
		Society transport	€2,345.99
		Socs day expenses	€13.78
		Speaker accomm	€1,690.18
		Speaker travel	€891.49
		Expenditure Total	€21,828.64
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€803.24
Total	€22,631.88	Total	€22,631.88

Mission Statement

The Lit & Deb aims to foster debate, oratory and free speech among all students and staff of the university - we hold weekly debates on the important issues of the day along with workshops where we pass on knowledge and skill to anyone who wants to improve their debating skills or worldly knowledge. As the university's oldest society, we are proud to continue the society's traditions for the modern day.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We aim to hold a main event every Thursday of teaching time, along with weekly workshops and hangouts.

We want to foster involvement from as many new members as possible to ensure the society has a strong base for its future.

We aim to host a national debating competition in February, with teams coming from universities across Ireland and abroad.

Society Performance Reflection

The Literary and Debating Society, through the last year, has held main business debates, workshops and hangouts on a weekly basis. Our main debates engaged the student body on issues of gender equality, commercial surrogacy, violent protests, our position in the European Union, the potential privatisation of our healthcare system, TTIP, Immigration and the Eighth Amendment. Our workshops introduced first time speakers to public speaking and debating while refining the skills of more experienced members. They also introduced members in many topics such as international relations, important impacts of economics, social justice and international relations.

The society also hosted several debating competitions. The annual Irish National Law Debates were hosted in February. The society hosted a round of the Irish Times Debating Competition. The society also hosted workshops and competitions for debating competitions in the west of Ireland, and will host the upcoming National Final of the Irish Junior Debating Competition.

The society committee met with significant internal difficulties which resulted in multiple positions being changed. This presented the society with challenges in organisation, however the society did succeed in meeting all of its commitments and achieved its aims.

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

The society did meet its goals over the last year.

WEEKLY EVENTS

A main event was held every Thursday during term time (except March 17th), and workshops and hangouts were held on a weekly basis as well.

FOSTERING INVOLVEMENT

We have had new or inexperienced members, including first years and exchange students from abroad, be regular voices at our main debates as well as participating in national and international competitions where many of them excelled. There are also now two first years who are part of the committee as OCMs.

IRISH NATIONAL LAW DEBATES

We hosted the Irish National Law Debates, a national debating competition open to international entrants. The event itself was very successful; the society came together to face those challenges which arose. There were two international teams registered from Northern Ireland and the Netherlands, but these ultimately had to cancel their entries.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was probably our annual President's Medal event where we hosted Ardal O'Hanlon as a guest speaker. This was one of the most successful events in terms of excitement created in the student body and turn out on the night. We were also able to engage attendees in a debate relating to Irish people wearing the Poppy as a memorial as is done in England (the event was in November).

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge was in organising the Irish National Law Debates. This annual event is a national debating competition hosted by the society over Valentine's weekend. Due to a change of roles in the committee late in 2015, those organising the event changed between one semester and the next. While we secured the Bank of Ireland Bursary for this event there were unexpected issues in relation to financing the event. Despite this the event was very successful and the committee and wider society came together to face any and all obstacles during the event.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 15 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 13 committee members.

Lit & Deb ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Thomas Creamer</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	500 hours
<u>Emily Elizabeth Gleeson</u>	INLDs Organiser/Volunteer	600 hours
<u>Daire Hickey McGovern</u>	Public Relations Officer	60 hours
<u>Kate Muldowney</u>	Public Relations Officer	150 hours
<u>Eanna McGovern</u>	Clerk of the House	336 hours
<u>Brian Farragher</u>	Auditor	700 hours
<u>Christopher Collins</u>	Debates Secretary and Ordinary Committee Member	400 hours
<u>Pearce Clancy</u>	Schools Convenor, Debates Secretary, Webmaster, Volunteer	750 hours
<u>Siobhan Burke</u>	Vice-Auditor, External Convener	450 hours
<u>Maria Nic Fhlatharta</u>	CA, Judge, Occasional Trainer	100 hours
<u>Caroline O'Shea</u>	Social Secretary	40 hours
# ALIVE Students:	11 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	4086 hours	

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 628 members. 12 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Lotus Society

Lotus Soc aims to bring Eastern culture and philosophy to NUIG. We have offered a range of events, workshops and retreats from chanting and meditation to tai chi and movie nights. But our main activity is yoga; hatha, ashtanga & vinyasa flow. You can sign up with Lotus Soc to take any one of our 8 weekly classes for 6 week terms at the super discounted price of

Lotus Society Events list (157 Individual Events)

Laughter Yoga: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 22nd September 2015

Laughter Yoga: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 29th September 2015

Weekend Yoga Workshop: Health & Lifestyle » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 10th October 2015

Laughter Yoga: Health & Lifestyle » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 12th October 2015

Weekend Yoga Workshop: Health & Lifestyle » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 24th October 2015

Training in Compassionate / Non-Violent Communication (NVC): Training » The View » 24th October 2015

We may notice that our interactions with others often don't turn out the way we want. Instead of clarity and connection we find all kinds of uncomfortable feelings and even conflict. This foundation training in Compassionate / Non-Violent Communication (NVC), facilitated by Donal Gannon, offers skills, practical tools and insights to show us an alternative; to deepen, enrich and transform our relationships, whether with loved ones, colleagues or ourselves. For more info on NVC see www.cnvc.org. The weekend provides an experiential and interactive exploration of how we communicate, using individual and group processes, games, exercises and meditations to integrate the teachings. Includes: 30 page training workbook, refreshments and lunches. 24th-25th October. 9:30am – 5:30pm, both days. There are a limited number of places left for Society Committee Members. No payment expected from NUIG society members.

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Laughter Yoga: Health & Lifestyle » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 26th October 2015

Athenry Yoga Retreat: Health & Lifestyle » Galway, Athenry, Galway Yoga Centre » 20th November 2015

Galway Yoga Centre, Athenry Tickets: €60 p/p What is included: transport, food, lodgings and all the classes. Dates: Friday 20th 8pm to 22nd 2pm of November. Transport: We will depart by bus from the Quadrangle at 7:15pm on Friday (PLEASE TRY AND BE THERE FOR 7PM!) and return by 2:30pm Sunday. A rough schedule for the weekend is as follows: Friday Arrive 8pm. Followed by tea, a gentle yoga class and group meditation. Typical Weekend Schedule: 7am Rise 8.00 Yoga Class 9.30 Breakfast 10.00 Karma Yoga 11.30 Relaxation – Meditation 1.00 Lunch 2.00 Free Time 4.00 Yoga and Breathing 6.00 Dinner 8.30 Evening Program 10.00 Bed Time Integrating postures, breathing, chakras, meditation & deep relaxations. There will also be periods of silence. The food is vegetarian. What to bring? - Outdoor clothes and boots - to have a nice walk around the woods. Comfortable clothes to relax, meditate and practice yoga! Towels Bed clothes and yoga mats are provided.

Tags: lotus, yoga, retreat, vegetarian

Beginners Ashtanga with Cristina, Session 4/6: Health & Lifestyle » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 23rd November 2015

Mixed level Ashtanga with Ellis, Session 4/6: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 23rd November 2015

Mixed Level Hatha with Katrina: Health & Lifestyle » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 24th November 2015

Classical Hatha intermediate with Cristina: Health & Lifestyle » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 24th November 2015

Mixed Level Ashtanga with Marese: Health & Lifestyle » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 26th November 2015

Mixed Level Vinyasa Flow with Paul: Health & Lifestyle » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 26th November 2015

Vinyasa Flow with Paul: Health & Lifestyle » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 27th November 2015

Beginners Ashtanga with Cristina: Health & Lifestyle » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 30th November 2015

Mixed level Ashtanga with Eilis: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 30th November 2015

Mixed Level Hatha with Katrina: Health & Lifestyle » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 01st December 2015

Classical Hatha intermediate with Cristina: Health & Lifestyle » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 01st December 2015

Mixed Level Ashtanga with Marese: Health & Lifestyle » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 03rd December 2015

Mixed Level Vinyasa Flow with Paul: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 03rd December 2015

Mixed Level Hatha with Lisa: Health & Lifestyle » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 03rd December 2015

Vinyasa Flow with Paul: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 04th December 2015

Beginners Ashtanga with Cristina: Health & Lifestyle » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 07th December 2015

Mixed level Ashtanga with Eilis: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 07th December 2015

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Mixed Level Vinyasa Flow with Paul: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 10th December 2015

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Vinyasa Flow with Paul: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 11th December 2015

Beginner's Ashtanga with Christina: Health & Lifestyle » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 25th January 2016

Mixed Level Ashtanga with Eilis: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 25th January 2016

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Mixed Level Ashtanga with Marese: Health & Lifestyle » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 28th January 2016

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Mixed Level Hatha with Katrina: Health & Lifestyle » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 02nd February 2016

Classical Hatha intermediate with Christina: Health & Lifestyle » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 02nd February 2016

Beginner's Hatha with Christina: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 03rd February 2016

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Beginner's Ashtanga with Christina: Health & Lifestyle » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 08th February 2016

Mixed Level Ashtanga with Eilis: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 08th February 2016

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Classical Hatha intermediate with Christina: Health & Lifestyle » The View Aras Na Mac Leinn » 09th February 2016

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Mixed Level Ashtanga with Marese: Health & Lifestyle » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 11th February 2016

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Mixed Level Vinyasa Flow with Lisa: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 11th February 2016

Vinyasa Flow with Paul: Health & Lifestyle » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 12th February 2016

Laughter Yoga: Health & Lifestyle » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 12th February 2016

Beginner's Ashtanga with Christina: Health & Lifestyle » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 15th February 2016

Mixed Level Ashtanga with Eilis: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 15th February 2016

Mixed Level Hatha with Katrina: Health & Lifestyle » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 16th February 2016

Classical Hatha intermediate with Christina: Health & Lifestyle » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 16th February 2016

Tea time and chit-chat in the Secret Garden: Social » Galway, Galway City, The Secret Garden » 16th February 2016
Join us for for tea and cakes in the beautiful and charming Secret Garden. Whether you have been saluting the sun for years, are new to yoga classes or still considering giving it a go, come along for tea and chats! Tuesday 16th February @7pmThe Secret Garden 4 William Street West, Galway.

Beginner's Hatha with Christina: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 17th February 2016

Mixed Level Ashtanga with Marese: Health & Lifestyle » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 18th February 2016

Mixed Level Vinyasa with Paul: Health & Lifestyle » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 18th February 2016

Mixed Level Vinyasa Flow with Lisa: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 18th February 2016

Vinyasa Flow with Paul: Health & Lifestyle » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 19th February 2016

Beginner's Ashtanga with Christina: Health & Lifestyle » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 22nd February 2016

Mixed Level Ashtanga with Eilis: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 22nd February 2016

Mixed Level Hatha with Katrina: Health & Lifestyle » The View Aras Na Mac Leinn » 23rd February 2016

Classical Hatha intermediate with Christina: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 23rd February 2016

Mixed Level Ashtanga with Marese: Health & Lifestyle » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 25th February 2016

Mixed Level Vinyasa with Paul: Health & Lifestyle » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 25th February 2016

Mixed Level Vinyasa Flow with Lisa: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 25th February 2016

Vinyasa Flow with Paul: Health & Lifestyle » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 26th February 2016

Free Mindful Yoga Class with Paul - NUIG Mental Health Week: Health & Lifestyle » The Space » 29th February 2016
As part of the NUIG MENTAL HEALTH WEEK we will be offering a FREE drop-in MINDFUL YOGA CLASS with the lovely Katrina Hardiman! Come over and enjoy the benefits of yoga practice.

Beginner's Ashtanga with Christina: Health & Lifestyle » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 29th February 2016

Mixed Level Ashtanga with Eilis: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 29th February 2016

Mixed Level Hatha with Katrina: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 01st March 2016

Classical Hatha intermediate with Christina: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 01st March 2016

Beginner's Hatha with Christina: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 02nd March 2016

Mixed Level Ashtanga with Marese: Health & Lifestyle » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 03rd March 2016

Intro to Yoga with Aisling Battersby: Health & Lifestyle » The Space, Aras na Mac Leinn » 03rd March 2016
An introduction to yoga for a great way to get involved active and try out yoga if you've never had a chance to before.

Mixed Level Vinyasa with Paul: Health & Lifestyle » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 03rd March 2016

Mixed Level Vinyasa Flow with Lisa: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 03rd March 2016

Vinyasa Flow with Paul: Health & Lifestyle » The Space, Aras na Mac Leinn » 04th March 2016

Beginner's Ashtanga with Christina: Health & Lifestyle » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 07th March 2016

Mixed Level Ashtanga with Eilis: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 07th March 2016

Mixed Level Hatha with Katrina: Health & Lifestyle » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 08th March 2016

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Beginner's Hatha with Lisa: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 30th March 2016

Mixed Level Ashtanga with Marese: Health & Lifestyle » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 31st March 2016

Mixed Level Vinyasa with Paul: Health & Lifestyle » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 31st March 2016

Mixed Level Vinyasa Flow with Lisa: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 31st March 2016

Vinyasa Flow with Paul: Health & Lifestyle » The Space, Aras na Mac Leinn » 01st April 2016

Lotus Soc Yoga Retreat - Introduction to Chakras: Health & Lifestyle » Galway Yoga Centre Athenry » 01st April 2016
Galway Yoga Centre, Athenry Tickets: €60 p/p What is included: transport, food, lodgings and all the classes. Dates: Friday 1st 8pm to 3rd 2:30pm of April. Transport: We will depart by bus from the Quadrangle at 7pm on Friday (PLEASE TRY AND BE THERE 10 MIN EARLIER!) and return by 2:30pm Sunday. Integrating postures, breathing, chakras, meditation & deep relaxations. There will also be periods of silence. The food is vegetarian. What to bring? - Outdoor clothes and boots - to have a nice walk around the woods - Comfortable clothes to relax, meditate and practice yoga! - Towels Bed clothes and yoga mats are provided.

Beginner's Ashtanga with Christina: Health & Lifestyle » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 04th April 2016

Mixed Level Ashtanga with Eilis: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 04th April 2016

Mixed Level Hatha with Katrina: Health & Lifestyle » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 05th April 2016

Classical Hatha intermediate with Christina: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 05th April 2016

Weekend workshop in Compassionate / Nonviolent Communication (NVC): Health & Lifestyle » The View Aras Na Mac Leinn » 09th April 2016

Weekend workshop in Compassionate / Nonviolent Communication (NVC): Health & Lifestyle » The View Aras Na Mac Leinn » 10th April 2016

Beginner's Ashtanga with Christina: Health & Lifestyle » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 11th April 2016

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Beginner's Hatha with Lisa: Health & Lifestyle » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 13th April 2016

Mixed Level Ashtanga with Marese: Health & Lifestyle » The Space, Aras na Mac Leinn » 14th April 2016

Mixed Level Vinyasa with Paul: Health & Lifestyle » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 14th April 2016

Mixed Level Vinyasa Flow with Lisa: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 14th April 2016

Vinyasa Flow with Paul: Health & Lifestyle » The Space, Aras na Mac Leinn » 15th April 2016

AGM Lotus Society: Other » Meeting Room 2, Áras na Mac Léinn » 19th April 2016

Lotus Society is having its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday the 19th of April. It will be on at 6 o'clock in the Áras na mac Léinn - Meeting Room 2. Absolutely everyone is welcome to join us! We wouldn't be able to provide QUALITY yoga for you all without the work of our wonderful committee and our amazing teachers, and we need more people to get involved for the society to be able to continue offering the most affordable yoga classes in Galway!!! So, get involved!!! We will have yummy snacks and beverages for everyone too. Enjoying some delicious snacks and beverages, meet the current committee and we will be voting for the new committee!

We hope to see many new faces :) Namaste Lotus Soc committee

The positions up for grabs are:-Auditor-Vice-auditor-Secretary-Treasurer-PRO-OCM

Some advantages of being on the committee of the Lotus Society include:

- One free yoga class per term.
- Discounted retreat for committee members.
- Opportunity to organise retreats, overnight trips and other special events, all subsidised by the socs box.
- Meeting with students with shared interests.
- Connecting with our yoga teachers.
- Collaborating creatively and developing new skills.- ALIVE certificate awarded for participation/volunteering.- Society awards ball at end of year.

Exam Yoga with Cristina Galvin: Health & Lifestyle » Moore Institute - Room 203 » 26th April 2016

Need to escape from exam stress? Exam yoga with Cristina starting next Tuesday @5:10pm, 26th April until 10th of May. That's three sessions that will take place in room 203 in the Moore institute. Sign ups from today in the socs box for €10 Limited to 17 places so make sure you get your name down quickly! Happy studying!

Exam Yoga with Cristina Galvin: Health & Lifestyle » Moore Institute - Room 203 » 03rd May 2016

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Lotus Soc Yoga Retreat - Practicality and Philosophy: Health & Lifestyle » Galway, Athenry, Galway Yoga Centre Athenry » 13th May 2016

Galway Yoga Centre, Athenry Tickets: €60 p/p What is included: transport, food, lodgings and all the classes. Dates: Friday 1st 8pm to 3rd 2:30pm of April. We will depart by bus from the Quadrangle at 7:15pm on Friday (PLEASE TRY AND BE THERE FOR 7PM!) and return by 2:30pm Sunday. FRIDAY We will arrive around 8pm. Followed by tea, a gentle yoga class and group meditation. (We would suggest you have an earlier/ light dinner/snack before we go since we WON'T have dinner there and we will have a yoga session at 8:30pm) SATURDAY & SUNDAY We are going to integrate postures, breathing, chakras, meditation & deep relaxations. There will also be periods of silence. The food is vegetarian (VERY YUMMY!!!). What to bring? - Outdoor clothes and boots - to have a nice walk around the woods - Comfortable clothes to relax, meditate and practice yoga! - Towels Bed clothes and yoga mats are provided. I hope everyone going has a wonderful time! Namaste Any inquires please contact Raissa

Summer Yoga - Mixed Level Vinyasa Flow with Lisa: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 24th May 2016

Summer Yoga - Mixed Level Ashtanga with Marese: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 26th May 2016

Summer Yoga - Mixed Level Vinyasa Flow with Lisa: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 31st May 2016

Summer Yoga - Mixed Level Ashtanga with Marese: Health & Lifestyle » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 02nd June 2016

Summer Yoga - Mixed Level Vinyasa Flow with Lisa: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 07th June 2016

Summer Yoga - Mixed Level Ashtanga with Marese: Health & Lifestyle » The Space » 09th June 2016

Summer Yoga - Mixed Level Vinyasa Flow with Lisa: Health & Lifestyle » Large Acoustic Room » 14th June 2016

Summer Yoga - Mixed Level Ashtanga with Marese: Health & Lifestyle » The Large Acoustic Room » 16th June 2016

Summer Yoga - Mixed Level Vinyasa Flow with Lisa: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 21st June 2016

Summer Yoga - Mixed Level Ashtanga with Marese: Health & Lifestyle » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 23rd June 2016

Summer Yoga - Mixed Level Vinyasa Flow with Lisa: Health & Lifestyle » The Large Acoustic Room » 28th June 2016

Committee 2015/2016

Vice-Auditor: Alison Sheary

Treasurer: Rita Grant

Secretary: Ashita Dutta

PRO: Claragh Beagan

Auditor: Raissa Hogan

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Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	3,598.33	Bank charge	€39.83
Socs box Till	€11,888.00	Dinner/Food	€55.30
		Entertainment	€750.00
		Hall hire	€1,000.00
		Hire Bus	€270.00
		Socs day expenses	€10.70
		Teacher fees	€10,795.00
		Expenditure Total	€12,920.83
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,565.50
Total	€15,486.33	Total	€15,486.33

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

Our society continued to provide most yoga classes to the students and staff of NUIG, whilst staying within our budget, with a turnover in most committee members, yet maintaining committee roles and adequate communication.

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

Our PRO continued to answer queries and concerns on Facebook and email, allowing for efficient communication with students and the committee, sharing weekly class schedules and new opportunities and updates.

We continued our retreats, though with less popularity than last year.

Our treasurer maintained good relations with all the yoga teachers, as she managed their payment, and communicated the teachers' preferences to the rest of the committee.

Greatest Success

We managed to continue all of our yoga classes and retreats while maintaining the teachers' requests and keeping their availability in mind, all while having most of our committee consisting of new members.

Greatest Challenge

Most of our committee members had varying schedules this year, so meeting times were very difficult to arrange. Thus most of our communication was via email, leaving room for some miscommunication, ambiguity and delay in getting tasks done. We resolved this challenge by making a facebook page for the committee members, but this still does not replace the efficiency of face to face meetings.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 5 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 3 committee members.

Lotus Society ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Claragh Beagan</u>	Public Relations Officer	15 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	15 hours	

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 709 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Malaysian Society

A society for anyone who is interested in knowing and experiencing Malaysian culture in Galway. We have provided a fabulous social platform for Malaysian students and other communities around the University to meet new people and to exchange cultural experiences. This year, MSOC has also organized a wide range of social events including Malaysian Family Day, Futsal for Charity, and the list goes on. We received a lot of participations from many international students from other universities as well this year.

Malaysian Society Events list (12 Individual Events)

Malaysian Excursion and Galway Getaway (MEGGA '15): Social » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 20th September 2015

An event that looks on gathering the whole Malaysian living in Galway, let it be students, families and even doctors! This even aims at engaging the Malaysian community in Galway and to get to know each other well. A fun-packed day full with activities and foods, foods and foods,

EID ADHA POTLUCK DINNER: Social » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 24th September 2015

Malaysian Cultural Day: Social » Bailey Allen Hall » 28th October 2015

Malaysian Cultural Day is an event for introducing Malaysian specialties on cultural, food and tradition aspects. It will be held at Bailey Allen Hall, starting at 9 a.m. to 4 p.m and we are expecting a lot of locals and students to join this event. We will be exhibiting bits and pieces aspects of Malaysia to the participants. There will be free food and fun games provided by the Malaysian committees.

Socs Day: Seminar » Bailey Allen Hall » 13th January 2016

Bake Sale for Charity: Charity » CSI » 01st February 2016

Come eat your monday blues away with some sweet treats! AND with a good cause! Come and help us help the syrian refugees in need of basic necessities for them to continue surviving. Every little help helps!

Futsal For Charity: Charity » Kingfisher Gym » 06th February 2016

We'll be hosting our very first Futsal for Charity which is open to anyone . DON'T LOSE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WIN THE PRIZE MONEY and at the same time contributing to charity

Annual Grand Meeting: Social » Large Lecture Theater, Aras Moyola » 07th February 2016

Annual Grand Meeting was held at Aras Moyola at 7th February to pick new committees for the upcoming semester

Cooking Class: Arts & Culture » Galway, Fairlands Park, Sylvan Heights » 24th February 2016

Cooking Class for students of NUI Galway interested to know how to cook simple Malaysian delicacies. A pioneer event, for this month we will be making Spring Rolls, Banana Fritters and Onde-onde. Want to know what onde-onde is? Sign up for this event by emailing us. Open for 20 spots only with a fee of €5.00 per person. First come first serve basis. We will organize some committee members to come and escort students interested from a rendezvous point which will be mentioned in the future so no worries on getting lost to go to the venue. Food made can be brought back home as well!

Bake/Food Sale: Arts & Culture » Smokies Table, Concourse » 26th February 2016

Food Sale to exhibit Malaysia's renowned culture - its cuisine! We're opening up a table near Smokies at the Concourse to allow NUIG students the opportunity to purchase some famous Malaysian delicacies, ranging from simple desserts to other savoury dishes that will not only open horizons to the food we eat, but also the culture within its making. In conjunction with the spirit of cultural exploration, we are inviting other Malaysians who would like to participate and showcase their culinary skills by providing food that we can sell on the days allocated for this sale. Best of all, the profit will go directly back to you! We just intend to provide this platform for Malaysians to be involved without any strings attached (you can come take care of the booth if you are willing in your spare time but we'll have committee members around till the end of the event), and also for non-Malaysians to get comfortable speaking a language we Malaysians are ever so fond of - food! So come along and join us on the 4 dates we have in store for you. More information will be posted from time to time so keep your eyes out for it.

Bake/Food Sale: Arts & Culture » Smokies Table, Concourse » 10th March 2016

Food Sale to exhibit Malaysia's renowned culture - its cuisine! We're opening up a table near Smokies at the Concourse to allow NUIG students the opportunity to purchase some famous Malaysian delicacies, ranging from simple desserts to other savoury dishes that will not only open horizons to the food we eat, but also the culture within its making. In conjunction with the spirit of cultural exploration, we are inviting other Malaysians who would like to participate and showcase their culinary skills by providing food that we can sell on the days allocated for this sale. Best of all, the profit will go directly back to you!

OSCE practice for first year: Training » Comerford Room 105 » 12th March 2016

The training is aimed at giving an early exposure to the first year Malaysian medical students and prepare for their OSCE

Committee 2015/2016

Secretary: Fatini Mat Hussin

Public Relation: Peter Vinod Pereira

OCM: Nur Sabreena Aminudin Baki

OCM: Muhammad Shazril Fariz Shahizan

Vice-Auditor: Nurul Amalina Mohd Shukri

Event coordinator: Amirul Amzar Haidei

Room Booker: Afiq Anwar Samhari

OCM: Vaishnavi Supramaniam

Auditor: Mohd Firdaus Abd Rashid

Treasurer: Siti Mardhiah Muhamad Fauzi

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Muhammad Shazril Fariz Shahizan

Treasurer: Nurul Syafiqah Samsudin

Vice-Auditor: Syakirah Azami

Secretary: Nurbaihah Syafika Binti Mohamad Basri

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	413.51	Bank charge	€55.21
Members Contributions	€178.50	Equipment misc	€125.71
Sponsorship	€2,548.28	Hoodies	€454.12
Ticket Sales	€280.00	Materials	€34.45
USC Grant	€500.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€993.68
		Printing	€15.00
		Prizes	€372.66
		Society transport	€198.25
		Speaker travel	€1,300.00
		Stationary	€25.78
		Expenditure Total	€3,574.86
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€345.43
Total	€3,920.29	Total	€3,920.29

Mission Statement

To become a society that brings the community together as one.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- Synchronize all the activities between the 2 main societies in Galway (PPIMG, MSOC).
- Encourage the involvement of the non-Malays(Indian, Chinese)
- To promote Malaysia to the local people in Galway/ non-Malaysian.
- 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.

Society Performance Reflection

We had a couple of good events, however due to time constraints and examination clashes we were not able to carry out a lot of good and exciting activities that we had initially planned at the beginning of our term.

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

We accomplished some goals such as promoting Malaysia to the local people in Galway and bridging the gap between the upper-classmen and lower-classmen. But despite that, we are unable to come together as a society to form unity and equality among us. There have been no efforts to increase the involvement of non-Malays or non-Malaysians and I personally believe that until we are able to come together as one club without races or religion separating us, MSoc will remain unreachable to many people at NUIG.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success I would say is the strengths of our committee members, despite disagreements, we have been always able to put together a good event, eg the Futsal Tournament. We had a good team and a very understanding and capable president.

Greatest Challenge

My greatest challenge in MSoc would be to enable equality amongst the members of the Malaysian Society and scheduling events with the university was seen to be almost always a reason for us to not be able to carry out an event, eg Bailey Allen Hall availability.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 10 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 9 committee members.

Malaysian Society ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Nur Diyana Sofea Md Nasir</u>	Volunteer at bake sale for Ummah Week, Executive Committee under Multimedia and Communication Biro	8 hours
<u>Nur Baitil Atiq Binti Mohamad Basri</u>	FUTSAL Event Volunteer, Teacher	7 hours
<u>Muhammad Shazril Fariz Shahizan</u>	Event Organiser	20 hours
<u>Khadijah Ariff</u>	Volunteer	80 hours
<u>Mohd Aliffdin Zainul Abidin</u>	Mentor	20 hours
<u>Nurul Amani Mohd Noordin</u>	Committee Member	82 hours
<u>Muhammad Luqman Ahmad Saifuddin</u>	Academic Committee	15 hours
<u>Syahirah Atikah Shaidi</u>	Volunteer	24 hours
<u>Nurbaihah Syafika Binti</u>	KAFA Teacher	8 hours

<u>Mohamad Basri</u>		
<u>Fatini Mat Hussin</u>	Secretary	14 hours
<u>Siti Sofiah Mohd Farudz</u>	Volunteer	112 hours
<u>Nur Farhanim Che A Halim</u>	KAFA Teacher	40 hours
<u>Nur Sabreena Aminudin Baki</u>	Multimedia Officer	24 hours
<u>Amirul Amzar Haidei</u>	Event Co-ordinator	32 hours
<u>Mohd Firdaus Abd Rashid</u>	Committee Member for Futsal Event and Malaysia Galway Family Day	15 hours
<u>Nurul Amalina Mohd Shukri</u>	Vice President, Secretary, Teacher, Refreshment Crew Leader	30 hours
<u>Siti Mardhiah Muhamad Fauzi</u>	Committee Member	15 hours
# ALIVE Students:	17 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	546 hours	

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 197 members. 8 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Marine Soc

The society this year aimed to improve on goals and achievements of previous years and to set new goals for this year. We hoped to get people involved in marine related issues and gain an understanding of the importance of our oceans and all the organisms that inhabit them. We also aimed to provide a friendly atmosphere that was welcoming to newcomers and have events where we could all have some fun and maybe learn a thing or two from each other along the way.

Marine Society Events list (8 Individual Events)

Bowling: Social » Galway, Galway City, Planet Entertainment Centre » 22nd September 2015

Hey guys, come join us for a couple of games of bowling on Tuesday. We are meeting outside the college bar at 6.45pm and walking to Planet Entertainment Centre or if you know where it is then we are meeting for 7pm Bring our friends!

EGM: Social » MRA201 » 22nd October 2015

Hi guys we are having an EGM, this Thursday at 6pm in The Martin Ryan Annex followed by showing Shark Tale. If you want to get involved with the committee now is your chance. We are especially looking for first years and second years to join. P.S. there will be pizza ! Hope to see you there

Irish Wildlife Trust Seminar: Seminar » MRA201 » 12th November 2015

Pádraic Fogarty, the former Chairperson of the Irish Wildlife Trust, will be coming to NUI Galway on Thursday November 12th, to give a talk at 7pm in the Martin Ryan Annexe (MRA201) Pádraic is campaign officer with the Irish Wildlife Trust and is their representative on the Irish Environmental Network's Marine Group (a coalition of environmental groups concerned with the sea). The title of the talk will be 'The Richest Seas in Europe - the decline of marine life in Irish waters'. This talk will explore the

historic riches of the seas around Ireland, why they are currently a shadow of their former abundance and what can be done to restore their wealth.

Seminar Series - Dr. Annmarie Power and Dr. Robin Raine: Seminar » MRA201 » 16th November 2015

Hi guys, Come join us in The Martin Ryan Annex for the 1st day of our seminar series hosted by Marine Soc and G-eos. Tonight's speakers our Dr. Annmarie Power and Dr. Robin Raine. 7pm: Dr. Raine will be presenting a talk titled "Red Tides at Sunset" - historical and current perspectives of harmful algal blooms in Ireland. 7:45pm: Dr. Power will be presenting a lecture on "How I became a marine biologist!" Anyone interested in how to pursue a (very successful) career in Marine Science, or anyone interested in marine biology in general make sure not to miss this!

Seminar Series - Dr. Louise Allcock and Mr. Charles Carr: Seminar » MRA201 » 19th November 2015

Hi guys, Come join us in The Martin Ryan Annex for the 3rd day of our seminar series hosted by Marine Soc and G-eos. Tonight's speakers our Dr. Louise Allcock and Mr. Charles Carr. 7pm: Mr. Carr will be presenting a talk titled "An introduction to aquaponics: food for the future" 7:45pm: Dr. Allcock will be presenting a lecture on "I am at sea, with little access to email" Anyone interested in how to pursue a (very successful) career in Marine Science, or anyone interested in marine biology in general make sure not to miss this!

Barcelona Trip: Social » Spain, barcelona, razzmatazz » 04th March 2016

A trip to Barcelona was planned for 13 marine society members. When we got there we saw the beach, went to the aquarium, the zoo and saw some of the sites of the city. A total of three nights were spent there. A bus took us back from Dublin airport to Galway where the trip finished up.

Movie night and AGM: Social » CONCOURSE » 07th April 2016

We will be showing a very enlightening movie from the Oscar winning director Louie Psihoyos (The Cove). The movie aims to uncover the hidden world of endangered species and the race to protect them against mass extinction. We will follow the movie with pizza and refreshments and an AGM.

Committee 2015/2016

Event Manager: Alison Donnelly

Vice-Auditor: Sean Daly

Secretary: Shannon Copland

OCM: Cian Kelly

Auditor: Declan Morrissey

Treasurer: Alan Finn

PRO: Grainne Cronin O'Reilly

Health & Safety Officer: Áine Shannon

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Declan Morrissey

PRO: Grainne Cronin O'Reilly

OCM : Alison Donnelly

Vice-Auditor: Áine Shannon

OCM: Shannon Copland

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,299.65	Bank charge	€35.07
Refund of Expenses	€500.00	Entertainment	€71.98
Socs box Till	€1,920.00	Equipment misc	€20.92
Socs Till lodgement	€400.00	Gifts	€86.12
USC Grant	€4,560.00	Materials	€988.84

		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€19.98
		Society accomm	€1,131.00
		Society transport	€2,337.74
		Socs Box Till Refund	€550.00
		Socs day expenses	€15.90
		Speaker accomm	€60.00
		Expenditure Total	€5,317.55
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€3,362.10
Total	€8,679.65	Total	€8,679.65

Mission Statement

The Marine Society's aims are to promote the awareness of marine issues in the University and in the surrounding Galway area by uniting people with similar interests and goals.

Marine Society advance the knowledge of zoological, botanical and environmental matters in fun, inspirational, active ways, that will allow everyone to understand our impact on our oceans.

Through trips, national and international, seminar series, and high impact documentaries, marine society creates a greater appreciation and understanding of marine matters in the college and local area.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Our aims are to enrich the lives of the student body through educational trips off campus, as well as guest speakers to educate them on a wide range of marine topics and issues.

One of our main goals this year is to stock and maintain the large fish tank in the Martin Ryan Institute as a collaboration between the Marine Society And the Department in the Martin Ryan.

Society Performance Reflection

Our society did very well this year. With only a small committee we still stuck to our mission statement and tried to promote awareness of marine related issues in the area and especially in the university. While doing this we still had some fun along the way.

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

Yes we achieved all our goals. We had a whole week of seminars with guest speakers coming from far and wide. Some of the guest speakers we invited to talk were from the university and spoke on a variety of different topics. Other speakers were from outside the university and gave talks on zoological or marine related topics. One such talk was from the former head of the Irish Wildlife Trust. We also began the restoration the 700L marine tank on campus. This involved a huge effort of totally rearranging and aquascaping the rock work and balancing the system. We then stocked and maintained the tank and have made a poster with information on the species that live in the tank. We also organised a trip abroad to Barcelona. Here we did many activities such as visiting the Barcelona Aquarium and the Barcelona Zoo.

Greatest Success

I would regard the marine tank on campus as our greatest success this year as it took not only a huge initial effort and planning but weekly maintenance and cleaning and daily feeding.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge was trying to get people to show up to events we planned. Despite sending emails, texts and notifications it was very disheartening sometimes if members couldn't be bothered to show up.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 8 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 1 committee member.

Marine Soc ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Declan Morrissey</u>	Auditor	150 hours
<u>Shannon Copland</u>	Secretary	150 hours
<u>Sean Daly</u>	Vice-Auditor	100 hours
<u>Alison Donnelly</u>	Marine Tank Volunteer	100 hours
<u>Áine Shannon</u>	Health and Safety Officer	100 hours
<u>Grainne Cronin O'Reilly</u>	Public Relations Officer	100 hours
# ALIVE Students:	6 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	700 hours	

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 592 members. 2 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Maths Soc

To encourage the love and interest in Maths, Math Soc tried to familiarise people with various Maths aspects and research topics by organising weekly seminars every Thursday evening 6-7pm; supporting the Annual Student SIAM chapter conferences, organising some social events for Math Soc members. All events organised by Math Soc were listed on Math Soc calendar.

Maths Society Events list (21 Individual Events)

EGM Maths Soc: Other » ADB1020 » 17th September 2015

Talk by Prof Michael Destrade: Seminar » ADB1020 » 01st October 2015

Title: Mechanics of Soft Bodies (Prof. Michael Destrade)

Social night: Social » Planet Centre » 13th October 2015

Free bowling games and drinks this Tuesday at 7pm in Planet centre (Galway shopping centre).

Maths talk: Seminar » ADB1020 » 15th October 2015

Research talk by Shane Burns about " Theoretical and Numerical Analysis of Rigid-body Impacts with Friction"

Maths talk: Seminar » ADB1020 » 22nd October 2015

Talk by Emil Skoldberg on Types and Proofs

Movie show: Social » Aras na Mac leinn (Board room upstairs) » 29th October 2015

We hope to show "Imitation Game" this week.

Maths talk: Seminar » ADB1020 » 05th November 2015

Maths talk this week will be given by Dr. Rachel Quinlan. Title to follow.

Maths talk: Seminar » ADB1020 » 12th November 2015

This Thursday your brilliant speaker, Dr. Jerome Sheahan, will be giving a talk on Statistical and Probabilistic Techniques he uses every day in his consultancy problems. The talk will be very accessible and interesting!

Maths talk: Seminar » ADB1020 » 26th November 2015

Brendan Masterson will present his research talk this week as usual in ADB 1020 at 6pm. This will be in preparation for his upcoming PhD viva.

SIAM NUIG Annual Conference 2015: Conference » IT » 03rd December 2015

This second annual conference was organised by the NUI Galway Student Chapter of SIAM, the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics. The aim of the conference was to bring together research students from different universities, giving them the chance to broaden their horizons and see what other students in their research area are working on. All info for the conference can be found here <http://www.maths.nuigalway.ie/SIAM-Galway/Conference2015/>

Socs Day 2: Social » Bailey Allen Hall Aras na Mac Leinn » 13th January 2016

Dr Pilib Ó Broin on mouse models of autism: Seminar » Aras de Brun room 1020 » 28th January 2016

"In this talk I will provide some details on a current project aimed at increasing our understanding of the function of the TBX1 gene and its potential role in autism spectrum disorder. Using a combination of self-organizing maps and information theory, we link genetic changes affecting this gene to behavioural models by examining differences in ultrasonic vocalizations emitted by mouse pups during a maternal separation test."

Maths of Tinder Talk!: Social » ADB1020 » 18th February 2016

Fintan Hegarty will give a talk on the Maths of Tinder Talk. Refreshments will be provided.

SIAM chapter's talk: Seminar » ADB1020 » 29th February 2016

The NUIG SIAM chapter is holding a seminar on Monday the 29th February at 3pm in ADB1020, Aras de Brun. We have a speaker from IBM, Seshu Tirupathi who will be giving a talk on data assimilation algorithms. It should be of interest to applied mathematics and numerical analysis students/researchers. The talk is designed to be accessible to undergrads.

SIAM chapter's talk: Seminar » ADB1020 » 03rd March 2016

Prof. Peter Lynch, School of Mathematical Sciences, UCD will speak on 'The Emergence of Numerical Weather Prediction: Fulfilment of a Dream & Realisation of a Fantasy'

Maths talk: Seminar » ADB1020 » 10th March 2016

Colm Mulcahy is giving a talk "Martin Gardner, The Best Friend Mathematics Ever Had" on this Thursday at six o'clock in ADB1020

Undergraduate Emporium: Seminar » ADB1020 » 16th March 2016

Tomorrow at six, in ADB-1020 we will have several of our undergraduate students present their final year projects

Maths Inter-varsities 2016: Other » Kildare, maynooth, maynooth university » 01st April 2016

Maths Soc is going to Intervarsities in Maynooth on the 1st to 3rd of April

Maths talk: Seminar » ADB1020 » 07th April 2016

Alexandre Esterle from Amiens, France, will be coming to NUIG to give us a talk on "Coxeter groups, Artin groups and Hecke Algebras"

Blitz Talks Session for Undergraduates: Seminar » Library Seminar Room THB-G011 » 12th April 2016

On Tuesday 12 April, the NUI Galway SIAM Student Chapter will host a session of blitz talks for undergraduate students interested in pursuing postgraduate research in applied mathematics. Lecturers and researchers from the School of Mathematics and cognate disciplines will present short talks describing their research interests, and life as a researcher in general. The talks will be followed by an informal social event at which lecturers and PhD students will be available for discussions on what daily life as a researcher entails, and also to advise on funding opportunities and other issues. All are welcome!

Maths soc's AGM: Other » ADB1020 » 14th April 2016

We will have our annual AGM this week. All are welcome

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Bram Siebert

Treasurer: Simone Coughlan

OCM: Richard Burke

OCM: Kai Gentile

Vice-Auditor: Yaxuan Yu

Secretary: Ngoc Nguyen

OCM: Szymon Urbas

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Szymon Urbas

Secretary: Lida Fallah

Treasurer: Paul Greaney

OCM: Blake Bowers

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	615.27	Bank charge	€55.85
USC Grant	€1,000.00	Dinner/Food	€60.00
		Entertainment	€55.34
		Reception	€510.30
		Socs day expenses	€19.59
		Speaker accomm	€35.00
		Speaker travel	€143.18
		Expenditure Total	€879.26
		Closing Bank Balance	€736.01
Total	€1,615.27	Total	€1,615.27

Mission Statement

Promoting Mathematics and engaging with maths students in an informal and pleasant environment

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Our aims are to increase undergraduate participation, hold weekly talks with lecturers and PhD students and to help organise a conference with SIAM

Society Performance Reflection

We successfully achieved our aims and objectives this year. We had more number of undergraduates coming to the weekly seminar through the year, which indicated they enjoyed and found the seminars interesting and helpful.

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

Yes, we achieved all aims, objectives and goals

Greatest Success

Get more undergraduates involved in Mathsoc's activities

Greatest Challenge

Still, get more and more audience (especially undergraduates) to get involved in Mathsoc's activities; find speakers and organise weekly Maths talks

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 7 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 2 committee members.

Maths Soc ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Bram Siebert</u>	Auditor	40 hours
<u>Szymon Urbas</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	60 hours
<u>Ngoc Nguyen</u>	Secretary	24 hours
# ALIVE Students:	3 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	124 hours	

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 288 members. 4 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Mature Students

The NUI Galway Mature Students Society is open to both undergraduates and postgraduates who entered their courses as mature students. The purpose of the mature students society is to provide individual students with a support network of like-minded peers on campus. Events are aimed to cater for a wide range of interests, both on and off campus. Examples of events held were coffee mornings, trips to the cinema, weekend on the Aran Islands and finally an international trip to Poland. These were valuable experiences that gave students a feeling of community and belonging on campus. The diverse focus of the society's events means that new members are welcome to contribute in ways to enhance the experience of the society.

Mature Students Society Events list (21 Individual Events)

EGM: Social » Aras na Mac Leinn » 15th September 2015

to welcome our new members, also to choose new members to the committee, and to find new ideas for the members to put forward and work on

EGM: Social » Aras na Mac Leinn » 22nd September 2015

to welcome our new members , also to choose new members to the committee, and to find new ideas for the members to put forward and work on

Coffee Morning: Social » An Bialann » 14th October 2015

Join us for a coffee and a chat to start your day. We will had a sign no our table so stop by and we will buy you a coffee to welcome you to the society.

Coffee Evening: Social » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 27th October 2015

Get together with other students from the society over tea/coffee.

Coffee Morning: Social » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 15th January 2016

Come meet other mature students for a cup of coffee/tea and a chat. :)

Coffee Morning: Social » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 25th January 2016

Come join us for a cup of coffee/tea, a chat and cakes with other mature students.

Coffee Morning: Social » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 29th January 2016

Come meet other Mature Students. Coffee/Tea and cakes provided!

Coffee/Tea Afternoon + EGM: Social » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 04th February 2016

Come meet other Mature Students for a chat. Tea/Coffee and cakes provided

EGM + Coffee Afternoon: Social » The View Aras Na Mac Leinn » 10th February 2016

The main purpose of the EGM is to finalise committee positions for the remainder of the semester in accordance with college regulations and ratify our constitution. Afterwards we will have coffee and cakes.

Trip to the cinema: Social » Galway, Galway City, IMC Galway » 11th February 2016

Nominated for four Oscars 'Room', based on the novel of the same name by Emma Donoghue is the chosen film for next week. We hook up in the college bar from 16.30 and tip off to the cinema from there at 17.25. The film starts at 17.50. To come along, simply pay €3 at the Socs Box before 17.00 this coming Tuesday, the 8th.

Coffee Morning: Social » Meeting Room 1, Aras na Mac Leinn » 19th February 2016

Coffee Morning - Drinks, Cakes, Biscuits and a chat up with other Mature Students

Cinema Trip: Social » Galway, Galway City, IMC cinema » 25th February 2016

The chosen film for this outing is Sacha Baron Cohen's latest production 'Grimsby'. Storyline MI6's top assassin (Mark Strong) has a brother. Unfortunately for him, he's an English football supporter (Sacha Baron Cohen) from the town of Grimsby. Nobby

has everything a man from the poor English fishing town of Grimsby could want - 9 children and the most attractive girlfriend in northern England (Rebel Wilson). There's only one thing missing in his life: his little brother, Sebastian. After they were adopted by different families as children, Nobby spent 28 years searching for him. Upon hearing of his location, Nobby sets off to reunite with his brother, unaware that not only is his brother an MI6 agent, but he's just uncovered a plot that puts the world in danger. On the run and wrongfully accused, Sebastian realizes that if he is going to save the world, he will need the help of its biggest idiot. Starring - Sacha Baron Cohen, Penélope Cruz, Johnny Vagas, Mark Strong. Pay €3 at the Socs Box anytime until 5pm next Wednesday and leave your student ID number. We meet up in the College Bar from 6pm next Thursday where you'll get your cinema ticket and we'll tip over to the IMC on Headford road at 6.35 for the 7.05 screening time!

Coffee Afternoon: Social » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 03rd March 2016

Come meet other Mature Students for a chat over coffee/tea and cakes.

Cinema Trip: Social » Galway, Galway City, IMC cinema » 03rd March 2016

We're off to the movies again this Thursday to see the winning nomination for this years Best Picture at the Academy Awards. "SPOTLIGHT" The true story of how the Boston Globe uncovered the massive scandal of child molestation and cover-up within the local Catholic Archdiocese, shaking the entire Catholic Church to its core. To come along, simply drop the €3 into one of the lovely people at the Socs Box before 12 on Thursday and leave them your student ID and a contact number. We meet in the College Bar from 4.30 pm on Thursday where you'll be given your cinema ticket and tip off to the movies from there at 5.15 for the 5.30 screening

Overnight Trip to the Aran Islands (Inis Mor): Social » Galway, Kilonan, Kilonan » 05th March 2016

The overnight trip takes place on Saturday the 5th of March and costs only €29.99 ! The cost covers return bus from Eyre Square to Rossaveal Ferryport, Return Ferry to Inis Mór and Bed & Breakfast at the Aran Islands Hotel in Kilonan. For those who wish to come along to let your hair down and get away from the books for a well earned break, simply pay at the Socs Box before 5pm on Monday 29th of February and leave a contact number. The more the merrier ! We meet up outside the Victoria Hotel off Eyre Square at 08.45 on the 5th of March for the connecting bus to the ferry. After we check in at the hotel, you have the whole day to go gallivanting and do your thing before hooking up with everyone in the evening for ales & jigs! The following day everyone is free to do their own thing and maybe we'll meet up for lunch somewhere before getting the ferry back at 5pm. We should be back in Galway at around 6.30 on Sunday evening. There is a ferry sailing at 9am on Sunday morning for anyone who can't stay for the second day and the pier is only a couple of minutes walk from the hotel. Hope you can come along - Places Limited

Coffee Morning: Social » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 07th March 2016

Come meet other Mature Students. Have a cup of tea/coffee with cakes and biscuits

Coffee Morning: Social » The View Aras Na Mac Leinn » 14th March 2016

Call in say hi and have some tea/coffee and bikkies. Bring some friends! This will be the last one for the Semester.

International Trip: Social » Poland, Krakow, town centre » 23rd May 2016

The Mature Students Society is delighted to announce that we will be travelling to Krakow for our international trip this year. The dates of the trip are Monday 23rd May - Friday 27th May. We will be flying from Dublin airport Monday afternoon and arriving back late Friday night. If you wish to avail of a place on this trip you must email your intention as soon as possible. Due to the fact that there are only 20 places, demand is high. Once your name is received via email you will be put on the list. The first 20 names will be sent confirmation emails. Once you have received a confirmation email you will have 3 days to purchase your plane tickets or you will lose your place and it will go to the next student on the list. Please note: DO NOT purchase any ticket until you have received a confirmation email.

Committee 2015/2016

Secretary: Niamh Keogh

OCM: Martina Carolan

PRO: Patrick Murphy

OCM: Patricia O'Mahony

Auditor: Anthony Lawless

Treasurer: Catherine Griffith

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Anthony Lawless

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,076.04	Bank charge	€55.79
Socs box Till	€489.00	Dinner/Food	€120.00
USC Grant	€4,000.00	Entry fees	€77.00
		Equipment misc	€39.95
		Gifts	€25.00
		Materials	€135.24
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€100.29
		Society accomm	€2,010.00
		Society transport	€906.00
		Expenditure Total	€3,469.27
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,095.77
Total	€5,565.04	Total	€5,565.04

Mission Statement

To enhance the overall university experience for all our members, and establish a solid focal point for the wide diversity of mature students to meet, exchange ideas, share experiences and have fun.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

To build upon the foundations of the existing society and leave a stronger structure in place for those who join and administer it in the future.

Society Performance Reflection

The society improved a great deal once a core committee was formed, with actively engaged members. During semester 1 there were some startup issues, due to the change-over of committee members. There were many ideas, yet there were not realized. From the start of semester 2, there was a big shift and more activity and ideas being put into action. There was an interest and enthusiasm amongst members to become active.

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

By the end of semester 2, we achieved the goal of organizing the trip abroad. We also managed to hold at least one event per week.

Greatest Success

From the start of semester 2, it was great to see new faces turning up at the different activities. Even if there were sometimes only small numbers, still the fact that students reached out the society and connected in some way, was a boost.

Greatest Challenge

The fast pace of the semesters makes it challenging to arrange day trips. Also the fact that general members have busy lives outside of college means members are not always willing to partake. Also responsibilities outside of college and the different schedules and interests of members, made it more challenging to pick activities that are suited to the majority of members.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 7 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 7 committee members.

Mature Students ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Martina Carolan</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	200 hours
<u>Christine Marshall</u>	Vice-Auditor, Travel Coordinator, Safety Officer	300 hours
<u>Catherine Griffith</u>	Treasurer	330 hours
<u>Damian Duddy</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	21 hours
<u>Niamh Keoghan</u>	Secretary	260 hours
<u>Anthony Lawless</u>	Auditor	365 hours
<u>John Cunningham</u>	Member	20 hours
# ALIVE Students:	7 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	1496 hours	

Other Information

We held 18 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 183 members. 8 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Medicine Soc

We had multiple successful events this year and a fantastic committee to put these in place. Furthermore, we were fortunate this year to have both the President and the Treasurer of the Association of Medical Students Ireland (AMSI) as part of the MedSoc committee. This meant that the students of NUIG Medicine were well represented throughout the year at a national level, with our interests highly advocated. We also have strengthened our links to the Irish Medical Organisation (IMO) and now have students representatives at that level.

We strove to promote good physical and good mental health among Medical Students and the wider community and we believe that we have achieved this. For example, some of these events include the pre-clinical Surf Trip, the Students vs Staff gaelic football match and we provided treats and tea bags at various locations in the college to help students from every course in NUIG (tying in with the HSE's #LittleThings campaign for better mental health - "Add some friends to your tea").

We facilitated and encouraged philanthropic activities by students of NUIG to benefit the wider community. Such as NUIG's Medical Charity's Day (often shortened to "MedDay"), we co-organised Masquerade Ball in November for our sister charity VSA (which raised close to €4,500), and also hosted the third annual Shave or Dye in the Quay's in aid of the Irish Cancer Society.

We supported the educational and academic needs of the medical students, and again this is something we feel we did to the highest level of our ability. We organised a "Wine and Cheese Welcome Night", a Book Sale, a Specialities Night, a regional semi-final for AMSI's Case Conference competition along with the National Final and a USMLE Information Evening, to name a few.

We organised and encouraged social interaction between our members. Along with the support of the Skeff and Karma (one of our main sponsors), we organised a huge amount of highly attended nights out, from Welcome Back Nights to Day 2 of MedBall. We also organised two balls in Semester 1, both of which were same-day sell-out successes, which we think really speaks for itself!

We won best Society in an Academic/Social/Cultural field both in NUI Galway and at the BICS National Society Awards.

Medicine Society Events list (24 Individual Events)

Welcome Back Party: Social » The Skeff and Karma » 10th September 2015

Medsoc are holding their first event of the year, our welcome back party. For all years. Finger food will be provided.

EGM: Other » Anderson Lecture Theatre » 17th September 2015

We are holding an EGM in order to elect vacant positions on the committee. We will also discuss our upcoming events planned for those who want to get involved with the society.

Wine & Cheese: Social » Aras Moyola » 21st September 2015

Join us on Monday 21/09/2015 in Aras Moyola for wine, cheese, tips about the upcoming year, and more wine. After that more food in the Skeff at 10pm. Definitely worth stopping by at!

MedDay: Charity » Aras na Mac Leinn » 23rd September 2015

Medday is a day where the medical students of Galway go out on the streets taking part in bucket collections, busking and BP Clinics in aid of Croi and the Irish Hospice Foundation. We want to give back and raise funds for charities.

Booksale: Other » MY127 - Lecture Theatre 3. Aras Moyola. » 28th September 2015

Have you got old med books that are gathering dust in your room?? Get down to Medsoc's Booksale to get rid of these unwanted and unneeded books. There will be someone dying to get their hands on your books. Whilst helping out another student, you may acquire a new book for yourself or earn some cash straight into your hands. It couldn't be easier. Look forward to seeing you there

xoxo

Pre Med/1st Med Surf Trip: Social » Clare, Lahinch, The Beach » 02nd October 2015

Welcome to NUIG Medical Society's annual Surf trip! We will be taking a weekend trip to lovely Lahinch for some sun, surf and big sup! This trip is exclusively for premeds and 1st Meds! It's an opportunity for the years to mingle and hopefully get to know each other a bit better! Take a break from surfing the internet and hit the surf in Co. Clare. You'll be sure to have a swell time! Wave goodbye to anatomy to catch some big waves. Water you waiting for?

Life as an Intern: Other » Nurses Building, UCHG » 22nd October 2015



The current intern tutor Dr. Orla Mongan will be giving a talk to final med students currently in Galway on life after final med as an intern, what being an intern is like and what the job entails. The event will be repeated next semester for students who are in academies at the moment. Afters will be provided in the Skeff.

The Masquerade Ball: Social » Roscommon, Boyle, Kilonan Castle » 14th November 2015

VSA and MedSoc come together to bring you the decadent and highly anticipated Masquerade Ball! A night of mysterious encounters; who knows who will be hidden behind the mask? Taking place in the luxurious Kilonan Castle in County Roscommon, you will be welcomed with a champagne reception before enjoying a four-course meal, followed by a live band and DJ. The night is a great opportunity for fourth meds, final meds, interns and doctors to mingle and dance the night away in aid of VSA's incredible work abroad.

MedSoc 5-a-side Tournament: Social » Corrib Village » 19th November 2015

Always wanted to catch that arrogant 4th Med on the ankles with your studs? Want to spend a few hours nutmegging Pre-Meds on a Thursday evening? Or maybe you just want some free Mr Waffle again. If so, the Annual MedSoc soccer tournament taking place 19th November in Corrib Village astro cages, starting at 5pm. Teams of 5 with max 2 subs (i.e max 7 players). Strongly encouraged to include girl(s) in your squad as a goal scored by a girl counts as 3 goals! Prizes for winning team and also for player of the tournament, picked by our punditry panel composed of former greats of 5 a side football in Corrib Village. Half time grub supplied by our friends at Mr Waffle, while the post-match analysis will take place in the Skeff. All teams guaranteed at least 2 games. Entry is €25 per team, payable on the night (no change given lol). Spectators are most welcome, the more people on hand to boo the referee the better... Message the MedSoc Facebook page with your Team Name and Players Names before Sunday 15th Nov (one message per team plez). Alternatively you can contact your class reps.

Ciarán Toomey Memorial Soccer Tournament: Social » Westside Astroturf field » 18th December 2015

Pre-MedBall Interyear Soccer Tournament 1st to 5th Meds: Great way to blow off the hangover from finishing zams the day before Pre Meds: Finish exam at 3 and get your ass to Westside. Play ball, go on the beer. Simples. Rulesies: 1 team per year Everyone who shows up gets to play Initial matches will be 6-a-side Semi-finals and final will be 8-a-side Roll on roll off subs Get the girls in your year involved, each goal scored by a female will be worth 3 goals The winning year will be presented with the Pre-Medball Soccer Tournament Cup at Medball where there will be ample opportunities to gloat.

NUIG MedBall 2015: Social » Galway, Galway, Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa, Galway » 19th December 2015

Come with me... And you'll be...In a world of pure imagination. It's getting uncomfortably close to exam time, the days are getting shorter, lectures are nearly over and the Christmas market has arrived which can only mean one thing... Time to get thinking about MedBall!!! MED BALL AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY: Day 1 – Saturday 19th of December Enjoy a champagne reception surrounded by a world of chocolate from 6 pm. Take a dip in the chocolate river (fondue) and mingle with the Oompa Loompas (3rd Med girls). At 7 pm, you will be invited to a luxurious 4 course meal in the beautiful ballroom of Galway's very own chocolate factory, located in the Radisson Blu hotel. Later on, We are delighted to announce that HUDSON TAYLOR will be headlining this year's Med ball! Hudson Taylor are one of the hottest acts in the country right now and will be rocking this year's Med ball fresh off the back of their sell out summer tour. Check out the link below! <http://youtu.be/FrKbiPyjucU> Supporting will be none other than Galway's home and grown DJ Byrno! Day 2 – Sunday 20th of December There's no better way to nurse those hungover heads than to head straight to the College Bar at 2 pm SHARP!. The Med Ball veterans will be happy to hear the one and only 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! The Skeff will be kindly holding our suffering bones from 8 pm, where they will be providing platters of everything you love most. Then, we will have the entire top floor of Karma to ourselves where yet another champagne reception will keep us going – free entry of course! Full tickets: SOLD OUT Afters tickets: €35 on sale from the Socs Box Including chocolate themed drinks reception at 9:30pm Xoxo MedSoc

MedBall Day 2: Social » College bar » 20th December 2015

There's no better way to nurse those hungover heads than to head straight to the College Bar at 2 pm SHARP!. The Med Ball veterans will be happy to hear the one and only 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! The Skeff will be kindly holding our suffering bones from 8 pm, where they will be providing platters of everything you love most. Then, we will have the entire top floor of Karma to ourselves where yet another champagne reception will keep us going – free entry of course!

MedSoc Welcome Back Party: Social » Galway, Galway City, Skeff Bar » 13th January 2016

Well well well, what do we have here.....THAT'S RIGHT, WE'RE BACK! Come join us in the Skeff on Wednesday night, there'll be free food from 9pm onwards with free into Karma afterwards... FREE. On the night, a group of final meds doing a collection to help send a clinical officer they met while on VSA at Mpongwe Mission Hospital, Brian Kaonga, to medical school in Zambia. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated and they will be holding their own event soon so keep an eye out! See you all there! xoxo Medsoc

Cheese & Wine Reception: Health & Lifestyle » CSI, Lecture Theatre » 26th January 2016

Information evening for the upcoming semester for all Med students, tailored talks for each year.

AMSI Medical Case Conference - NUIG Qualifier: Other » Small Lecture Theatre CSI » 12th February 2016

The Association of Medical Students in Ireland will be holding their annual Student Medical Case Conference on the 11th of March and we, at MedSoc, will be hosting the NUIG Qualifier to find our representative in the CSI on February 12th! Our very own Simon Neary won the national competition last year, so it'd be amazing to make it two years running for NUIG!! We want you to write up an interesting medical case you've encountered in the clinical setting in your usual case report format, to be submitted to Medsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie by 5pm on the 5th of February. The chosen few will then present their case in front of a panel of NUIG adjudicators with a live studio audience on the 12th, and the lucky winner will go on to the national competition. The competition is open to all years, so don't be shy! Get your cases into us!

Final Med Student Event of the Year: Other » Nurses Building GUH » 25th February 2016

Final Meds!! ALERT. BE PREPARED.... The final "Your Event Your Future" night will be held on THIS THURSDAY 25th February at 5pm starting with DINNER in the staff canteen in the nurses' HOME. gasp emoticon "I'm so excited" - quote from YOU/ All students who were based in the academies in 5.1 are invited to attend. This is a UNIQUE opportunity to get EXPERT advice about applying for INTERNSHIP, the practicalities of internship, future career guidance from experts and a limited edition chance to use ADVANCED SIMULATION (not stimulation) EQUIPMENT (omg what is that) in the Saolta Centre for Simulation. The evening is divided into THREE x 60 minute sessions giving all students a chance to participate.

Joseph Browne Memorial Cup: Health & Lifestyle » Dangan Sports Grounds » 27th February 2016

The Joseph Browne Memorial Cup is an annual Gaelic Football match contested between the 1st and 3rd Meds in memory of Joseph Browne, a former NUIG medical student who died tragically in 2006. A bit of friendly sporting competition is a great way to remember Joseph and for the years to get to know each other. MedSoc would like to invite 1st and 3rd meds to come along and battle it out for the memorial cup which currently resides with an amalgamation of last year's 1st Meds and Pre-meds! All genders and all skill levels are encouraged to play. Whether you're here to showcase your skills or give that haughty 1st med a fair shoulder, everyone is welcome! Details: Standard GAA game 2x30min halves. Subs can roll on and off. Boys and girls all welcome to play! Additionally, scores by the fairer sex will be doubled i.e. 1 point = 2 points; a goal = 6 points so mixed teams are encouraged. The Joseph Browne Memorial Cup will be taking place directly before the inaugural Students vs Doctors GAA game and students are encouraged to stay and support the student's team! At the later game, a selection of crepes, wraps and sandwiches in addition to tea and coffee will be supplied by our kind sponsors Mr Waffle. Afterwards we will be getting washed down and glammed up for the afterparty in the Skeff and Karma! Finger food will be provided from 8:30pm and we will be handing out wristbands at the game. All years are welcome to come along and cheer on the students/doctors and celebrate afterwards. See you there! Xoxo MedSoc

NUIG MedSoc's Students vs Doctors GAA Match: Social » Dangan Sports Grounds » 27th February 2016

NUIG Medical Society are proud to present the inaugural Students vs Doctors Gaelic Football Match. Prof O'Brien and Prof Kerin will be team managers on the day, with Dr Sean Dineen leading from the front and captaining the doctors! The Professors would like to invite all doctors in UCHG and all 4th and Final year students to come along and play. Whether you're an All-Star inter-county footballer or you've never kicked a ball before, everyone is welcome! Details: Match will be in 3x20-minute thirds. Subs can roll on and off, and teams will be changed at each interval with 5 minute breaks in between. Boys and girls all welcome to play! Additionally, scores by the fairer sex will be doubled i.e. 1 point = 2 points; a goal = 6 points so mixed teams are encouraged. As always, a selection of crepes, wraps and sandwiches in addition to tea and coffee will be supplied by our kind sponsors Mr Waffle. Afterwards we will be getting washed down and glammed up for the afterparty in the Skeff and Karma! Finger food will be provided from TBC pm and we will be handing out wristbands at the game (to be confirmed) PLEASE NOTE: due to number restrictions, only 4th and Final year students will be permitted to play. Our apologies to the younger years, but this is to ensure that everyone gets some game-time. However 1st and 3rd meds will be able to showcase their skills at the upcoming Joseph Browne Memorial cup. All years are welcome to come along and cheer on the students/doctors and celebrate afterwards. See you there! Xoxo MedSoc

Dr. Gerard Flaherty's "8 Gold Medals for Dummies": Training » Clinical Science Institute » 08th March 2016

Have you ever spotted Ger Fla cruising effortlessly across a crowded room, and thought "How did he do it?.. How did he manage to forage aaaall of the special medicine gold?" ... Legend has it, he was actually born at the end of a special medicine rainbow and, from birth, it was his destiny... Many say that he presented a long case through song while accompanying himself on a tiny keyboard and beating Prof. Kerin in connect 4.... But no one really knows... LUCKY FOR YOU, on Tuesday the 8th of March at 7pm your questions shall be answered, and the secrets to this success unlocked as Dr. Gerard Flaherty presents his award winning "8 Gold Medals for Dummies" talk in the Large Lecture Theatre CSI. Come along, unleash your inner Ger, subsequently win all of the gold medals, and enjoy the yumminess of Mr. Waffle to top it all off! YAY!

NUIG MedSoc's Annual Shave or Dye in Aid of the Irish Cancer Society: Social » Quays Bar Galway » 15th March 2016

After its continued success in raising nearly €5,000 to date for the Irish Cancer Society, NUIG MedSoc's Shave or Dye is back this year for its 3rd year! Although the location has yet to be confirmed we wanted to start reminding people of the event as, like every year, we will need as many volunteers as possible! So if you think your friend needs a good trimming or you think they could rock a shade of pink or blue please volunteer them as tribute! Of course there will be live music from our very talented members such as David Nagle, Des Conroy, Mícheál Ó Braonáin and others! Details to be confirmed! If you'd like to take part or would like further information please don't hesitate to call our Outreach Officer Lorcán Ó Maoileannaigh on 0877687892. This will be a great way to start off your St. Patrick's Day celebrations! Entry: €5 Much thanks!

AMSI Medical Intervarsities: Social » Dublin, UCD, UCD Sports Centre » 19th March 2016

AMSI (Association of Medical Students in Ireland) are hosting their 3rd annual Medical Intervarsities Games in UCD from 19th-20th of March. The days events will include: 9-9:30am: Arrival 10-12pm: Tag Rugby and miscellaneous games to be announced 10-1pm: Basketball 10-1pm: 5-a-side Football Medical students from around the country will battle it out in Basketball, Tag Rugby, and Five-a-side Soccer for a chance to go home with the coveted Cup, Shield or Bowl. Stay tuned for more information about the schedule of events, post-games night outs and breakfast deals for the weekend! Contact NUIG Medsoc for more information on taking part!

MedSoc Specialities Night!: Training » Large Lecture Theatre, CSI » 24th March 2016

****FREE PIZZA**** Some people have known they wanted to be a Cardiothoracic Surgeon since they were 5 years old. Others aren't sure what route they want to take when they finish their residency. If you fall into the second category, then our Med Soc Specialities night could be just what you need! This event aims to give everyone a bit more information about various branches of medicine. Hear doctors speak about many different specialties, ranging from Paediatrics to Geriatrics, and everything in between. They explain how they got into their specialty, their typical daily experiences, and their challenges and favourite parts of their jobs. On the night there will be great opportunity to ask questions and get feedback from the doctors and get up close and personal with our guest speaker Papa John! See you there! Xoxo Medsoc

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Harry Economos

Treasurer: Conor Keady

Secretary: Christine Condon

Education Officer: Katie St John

Outreach Officer: Lorcán O'Maoileannaigh

Newsletter Editor: Conor Murphy

Ordinary Committee Member: Diarmaid Joyce

Alternate Officer #2: Sonja Moore

AMSI : Aoife Cunningham

Vice-Auditor: Alison Duffy

Co-Treasurer Semester 2: Mary Byrne

PRO: Caolan Coleman

Entertainment Officer: Amy Rolston

Sports Officer: Dara Jones

Ordinary Committee Member: Jenny Fitzgibbon

Alternate Officer #1: Conor Costigan

AMSI: Kevin McMahan

Committee 2016/2017

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Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	7,483.64	Affill/Mem fees	€20.51
Ecommerce Sales	€302.00	Ball	€56,761.08
Fundraising	€10,525.00	Bank charge	€317.62
Socs box Till	€1,640.00	Costumes	€212.18
Sponsorship	€8,751.63	Dinner/Food	€108.98
Ticket Sales	€67,493.00	Entry fees	€60.00
USC Grant	€2,000.00	Equipment misc	€164.45
		Fundraising / Charity	€14,650.00
		Hall hire	€300.00
		Hire Bus	€900.00
		Hoodies	€1,166.96
		Makeup/Props	€1,805.00
		Materials	€179.45
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€1,793.70
		Printing	€40.00
		Prizes	€1,927.50
		Reception	€893.22
		Services Hired	€1,190.00
		Society accomm	€2,420.00
		Expenditure Total	€84,910.65
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€13,284.62
Total	€98,195.27	Total	€98,195.27

Mission Statement

Our mission is to make a statement.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We aim to have tons of top-class social events, including Masquerade Ball, Med Ball and Swing Ball.

We aim to continue our current charity and fundraising events, while also adding new ones such as MedDay.

We aim to ensure that every individual in the School of Medicine feels welcome, and we plan on making the integration of both new and international students as easy as possible for them.

We aim to support each students educational needs, by holding events ranging from our Wine and Cheese - Study Tips night to Book Sales.

Society Performance Reflection

We think that our society did brilliantly this year! We increased our numbers, increased our reach in the community, increased our active participation from members, gained more sponsorship and held more events than last years' committee.

Give the massive increase in our numbers from 606 to 869 this year, along with the huge active participation we witnessed from the younger years, we think it's safe to say that we our society did very well this year!!

This year saw us both expand on current areas of communication in new and ingenious ways, while also creating new ones. We saw our Facebook page grow this year from less than 1.2 thousand likes in September to almost 1.6 thousand likes today. Our most recent post on the page has a current engagement of over 11,000 people and it has only been up for several hours, with our top post this year reaching over 17,000 people!

However, aside from Facebook, we utilised every facet available to us to communicate with our members and to promote the society in general. As up to 200 members of the Medical School (and thus the society) can be away from Galway at any one time, it was very important to remember to include them whenever and wherever possible. This inclusion is generally via social media, given the talk-tech age we are in.

We began to generate interest from the beginning of the year, when we met face-to-face with the new members of the Medical School to tell them about us, and what we had in store for them. We had an informative and fun powerpoint presentation to etch in their brains what was to come, and of course used this opportunity to promote our Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat and website - the latter three being all brand new ventures for the society!

At the same time, we were also trying to target the older members of the School before we even returned to college by holding a Summer Photo Competition on our newly-created Instagram. This page, despite being only a few months old, now already has over 600 followers.

On top of this online presence, we also launched a new website this year (www.nuigmedicalsociety.com). This site is full of useful information presented in an informal and fun way about what students really want to know. We keep this updated regularly, and have a section for students to submit their own questions for us to answer.

Our Newsletter Editor also continued to develop a bi-semester newsletter that gets emailed to everyone on our mailing list. This publication is again based on requests from the students and staff, and is very engaging as it is full of photos of familiar faces to everyone.

Another innovation from our Newsletter Editor this year was the production of a leaflet at the very start of the year to be handed out to students on Socs Day 1. This leaflet contained links to our various platforms, a small blurb about us, and a timetable of our events in September to make sure that even the newest student who hadn't found their way onto our Facebook page yet would know what was happening.

We also decided to try a few new things when it came to MedBall. Here, we created a promotional video ("We'll Take You to the Candy Shop"), which we premiered at the interval of another hugely popular event in the Medical School, the VSA Christmas Concert. This event was attended by over 350 students, and so it was peak timing for us to launch what the top-secret theme for this year's MedBall was to be. This generated a huge amount of excitement as people immediately started to speculate what was to come. The next creative idea we had to promote the event and to get word of mouth going about it was regards the tickets. Willy

Wonka is famous for his Golden Tickets inside a chocolate bar so we decided - why can't we do the same? So everyone who was purchasing a MedBall ticket got a lovely surprise when inside of just being handed a boring old ticket, they were given an extra-large personally-wrapped customised Galaxy bar, complete with a Golden Ticket inside! This then prompted countless people to Instagram/Snapchat/Tweet/Facebook this very unusual take on a college ball ticket, which again promoted our society to everyone in the college. Ultimately, this ball sold out immediately which we think shows how successful these new endeavours were!

Lastly, something that we really kept in mind when promoting the society and our activities this year was the importance of face-to-face communication. It often gets lost in this day and age but we felt it was so important for the committee to be accessible to younger students in particular. We all had memories of being new to the University, and all of the 4th Meds appearing as these impending figures in the distance that we were too small and unimportant to approach, so we tried to break down this barrier. We went to speak to every year about things such as the Surf Trip, MedDay, Shave or Dye and the Students vs Staff Football Match to really convey our enthusiasm in what we were organising. This, along with all the other creative ways of contacting the students, really paid off as this year was our most successful one to date!

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

We believe that Medsoc has not only fulfilled, but also exceeded our aims and objectives this academic year.

Medsoc aims to support the students of the School of Medicine in various different ways, and to provide opportunities for them academically, socially and philanthropically. This year, we continued building upon the success of the Society in previous years by both ensuring the continuity of well-loved and well-received events such as MedBall, while also creating several new ones, including NUIG Medical Charity's Day.

We were fortunate this year to have both the President and the Treasurer of the Association of Medical Students Ireland (AMSI) as part of the MedSoc committee. This meant that the students of NUIG Medicine were well represented throughout the year at a national level, with our interests highly advocated. We also have strengthened our links to the Irish Medical Organisation (IMO) and now have students representatives at that level. Another issue we took a keen interest in was the date of Christmas exams. In 2014, unfortunately the 3rd year Medical students wound up with two exams on the same day as MedBall (the latter of which finished at 6.30pm, with the ball beginning at 6.00pm!) This was obviously something we did not want to see happening again, and so in May both of our Auditors met with the Dean of Medicine to advocate on behalf of the students to ensure this did not happen again.

We strove to promote good physical and good mental health among Medical Students and the wider community. For example, one of our first events of the year was our annual pre-clinical Surf Trip. The aim of this trip was to welcome the new members of the Medical School, and to provide them with the opportunity to get to know their class through the bonding experience of learning how to surf! We also saw teams of students go to the AMSI Medical Intervarsities in UCD in Semester 2, which shows both our promotion of good health, and our association with our Medical Schools in the country. We also organised a Students vs Staff gaelic football match for the first time ever, which allowed everyone to show off our competitive sides. We were incredibly pleased as we had a huge amount of interest both from the students and the doctors - from Interns right up to consultants and Professors! These were only some of the sporting activities we were involved in. In the run up to exams, we also provided treats and tea bags at various locations in the college to help students from every course NUIG offers through their exams, with the idea behind them tying in with the HSE's #LittleThings campaign for better mental health - "Add some friends to your tea", "Problems feel smaller when you share them", "Do things with others - there's strength in numbers" and so on. Exams are a stressful time for every single student, so we wanted to make sure everyone remembered to mind their heads while trying to mind their grades, which is why we provided people with the perfect goodie bag for a tea break (with 2 tea bags in each pack). We also included little motivational quotes in each of the bags too - "Pressure makes diamonds" and the like!

Our next aim as outlined by our Constitution is to facilitate and encourage philanthropic activities by students of NUIG to benefit the wider community. This is one aim in particular that we really feel we have exceeded ourselves in. This year saw the inaugural NUIG Medical Charity's Day (often shortened to "MedDay"), which ended up far surpassing any of our wildest expectations and raised over €10,000 for The Irish Hospice Foundation and Croí. This day saw Galway being taken over by volunteers (mainly from the Medical School) out doing bucket collections, from everywhere from Eyre Square to Salthill. We also organised Blood Pressure Clinics in the Eyre Square Shopping Centre and Galway Shopping Centre, which were free of charge and up to the person having their blood pressure to donate whatever they wanted. Alongside the bucket collectors, we had buskers, Irish dancers and even part of the Medical Orchestra line Shop Street to provide entertainment for the general public. The wider community of NUIG could also get involved by buying sweets and baked goods at our bake sale at Smokey's. We marketed this as "Small Change for Big Change", and it was very clear how much the small change added up! On top of this, we also co-organised Masquerade Ball in November for our sister charity VSA (which raised close to €4,500), and also saw us host the third annual Shave or Dye in the Quay's in aid of the Irish Cancer Society.

Our penultimate objective was to support the educational and academic needs of the medical students, and again this is something we feel we did to the highest level of our ability. At the start of both semesters, we organised a "Wine and Cheese Welcome Night" which in essence was an informal Q&A session between students of one year and a volunteer from the year ahead, who had just completed the modules the current year was about to begin. This allows students to ask questions they may feel uncomfortable asking professors or tutors, and also allows an accurate representation of the workload facing students. We also held a Book Sale at the start of Semester 1 to facilitate students buying the often pricey medical textbooks at a lower price, and of course to sell on ones they no longer need. These are only some examples of how we fulfilled this aim, as we also organised a Specialities Night, a regional semi-final for AMSI's Case Conference competition along with the National Final and a USMLE Information Evening, to name a few.

Our final aim was to organise and encourage social interaction between our members. This is also something I think the committee can all take pride in achieving. Along with the support of the Skeff and Karma (one of our main sponsors), we organised a huge amount of highly attended nights out, from Welcome Back Nights to Day 2 of MedBall. We also organised two balls in Semester 1, both of which were same-day sell-out successes, which we think really speaks for itself!

Greatest Success

NUIG MedBall was our largest event this year and our most successful part of the year. It marked the end of Christmas exams, and similarly to Masquerade Ball it sold out in minutes (leaving us to beg the Radisson to add more tables). The theme this year was Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, and so we did our best to stick to this theme. We launched the theme (a Top Secret) at the VSA Christmas Concert with a promotional video. We then created an event on facebook, which received a huge amount of attention. We also ran several competitions involving one of our sponsors DocLink to generate some more interest. For our ticket sales for this we kept with our theme, and so we purchased 1,200 large Galaxy chocolate bars, unwrapped the outermost layer, inserted a "Golden Ticket" (the ticket for the ball) and re-wrapped them with custom made wrappers saying "MedBall" on the outside. These also generated a huge amount of interest, and again this sold out immediately. We then opened up the opportunity to purchase afters tickets too. The night was a huge success, with the foyer of the Radisson Blu in Galway decorated as the inside of Willy Wonka's chocolate factory (complete with chocolate fountains) and the movie itself being played on several projectors around the room. We had also decorated each table, and for the first time ever had a full drinks reception as part of the afters ticket. A popular Irish band (Hudson Taylor) kept the audience entertained for the night, alongside Galway's own DJ Byrno.

Greatest Challenge

Like any society on campus, we encountered our own challenges over the course of the year, but we think we handled them maturely and professionally, and resolved them accordingly.

The first challenge that MedSoc has always, and will always, face is the fact that the core of our committee (Auditor, Secretary, Treasurer, Entertainment Officer) are always from the 4th year of medicine excluding any preclinical years. This then leads to the problem that during our 4th year of college, we are all on placement and are required to spend one semester in Galway and one semester in an Academy hospital. To combat this, there have always been two Co-Auditors of the society, with one of them present in Galway in each semester. This has always worked quite well, as both can then work as a team. Last year, the committee decided that it was pertinent to introduce the same idea to that of Treasurer, and so this year we had two Co-Treasurers as well. Last year also saw the introduction of the position of Alternate Committee Officer, who were elected to ensure that at least 5 committee members were present in Galway at any one time. Both of these committee members were essential we feel, as having less than that would make the running of a society as large as MedSoc quite difficult. We also feel that it would be too messy to be electing an entire new committee come Semester 2, as a lot of the positions can be performed from afar - for example, our secretary can still send emails when not in Galway, our PRO could still make Facebook events and update our social media etc. When we were slightly lacking in man-power in Semester 2 (as there were only 6 members vs 11 in Semester 1), we utilised the Class Representatives for example to help us with our table on Socs Day 2. We feel that although the changeover could have been quite messy, in modern times with the amount of opportunity we have to contact each other it was very smooth. We have a committee Whatsapp group and Facebook page, which made contact to the group as a whole very quick and easy. We were also able to arrange committee meetings around Skype so everyone could still get their say.

Another challenge that presented us was surrounding the MedBall ticket sales. In planning the sales, we were aware that there was a lot of interest but we could never have had the foresight to see what happened. As the demand for tickets turned out to far exceed the capacity of the Radisson, we were left with a number of very disappointed and angry students who did not get the Golden Ticket they were after. This then turned into an unfortunate backlash for the MedSoc committee, with people claiming that we had no plan in place, that we didn't know what we were doing, that we shouldn't have sold any plus ones to people outside of Medicine etc. However, when we were presented with this problem, we took a very unified approach to dealing with it. We agreed as a group that no one was to reply to any Facebook post or comment regarding the ticket sales until an official statement had been

released by us. Fortunately, a whole thought process had gone in behind the scenes and so we were able to rationally explain to students once their anger had abated. This experience was not the most pleasant of ones, but for us as a committee it showed how well we worked together and made us lean on each other a bit more while we were under the firing squad. In order to try and solve this issue somewhat, we approached the Radisson who increased their capacity for a seated dinner for us and so far less students were disappointed than it initially seemed would be.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 17 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 17 committee members.

Medicine Soc ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Anyi Zhang</u>	Volunteer	2 hours
<u>Laoise Plunkett</u>	Volunteer	3 hours
<u>Rosemary James</u>	Fundraiser	3 hours
<u>Adibah Kaiyisah Binti Shamsul Badrin</u>	Volunteer	2 hours
<u>Nicolle Clements</u>	Volunteer	3 hours
<u>Christine Condon</u>	Secretary	60 hours
<u>Conor Murphy</u>	Newsletter Editor in Chief	50 hours
<u>Paul Whooley</u>	EMSSI- Representative	15 hours
<u>Mary Byrne</u>	Treasurer	60 hours
<u>Caolan Coleman</u>	Public Relations Officer, Website Designer	220 hours
<u>Katie St John</u>	Education Officer	50 hours
<u>Rawan Elhelali</u>	Committee Member	20 hours
<u>Syahirah Atikah Shaidi</u>	Volunteer	2 hours
<u>Danial Rizzal Abdul Sukor</u>	Volunteer	2 hours
<u>Diarmaid Joyce</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	20 hours
<u>Alison Duffy</u>	Auditor	200 hours
<u>Harry Economos</u>	Auditor	200 hours
<u>Lisa Flynn</u>	Immediate Past Auditor	15 hours
<u>Eileen Shannon</u>	EMSSI Ordinary Committee Member	8 hours
<u>Reiltin Ni Theimhneain</u>	NUIG Medical Charities Day Volunteer	2 hours
<u>Siti Mardhiah Muhamad Fauzi</u>	Volunteer	3 hours
# ALIVE Students:	21 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	940 hours	

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 886 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Microsoc

MicroSoc is a society in the department of Microbiology, NUI Galway, which is set up and ran by postgraduate and undergraduate students. The society aims to bring everyone within the department and university together through the organisation of social events and guest speakers at seminars. MicroSoc has organised many events this year, which have had great attendance. Included in these events were the 4th year Christmas fancy dress party, charity mulled wine and coffee morning, the postgraduate ball and the surfing/climbing trip to Lahinch, Co. Clare. Overall, MicroSoc have organised entertaining and interesting events which have hopefully brought people from the microbiology department closer together.

Micro Society Events list (19 Individual Events)

Microsoc committee meeting: Other » Dunican theatre » 07th October 2015

4th Year Welcome Party: Social » Galway, Galway City, Monroes » 29th October 2015

Welcome party for fourth year microbiology students at Monroe's. Finger food provided. Come on down and get to know your fellow classmates and post-grads alike. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Coffee/Mulled wine morning: Charity » Microbiology seminar room » 11th December 2015

MicroSoc annual coffee and mulled wine morning will be taking place on Friday, 11th December. Donations on the morning are in aid of the Galway Simon Community. Everyone welcome and bringing your own baking creations is actively encouraged. So if you fancy a Friday morning break pop down for a chat and a cuppa, and if you're feeling in the mood feel free to bring along some baking too. Hope to see you there.

MicroSoc Christmas Party: Social » Galway, Galway City, Busker Brownes » 14th December 2015

Seeing as everyone is stressed out and panicked at this time of year with exams and Christmas shopping MicroSoc sees it as the ideal time to let loose and channel your inner movie character. Our annual Christmas party will be held on Monday the 14th of the December in Busker Brownes and as usual it is fancy dress! This years theme is 'Movie Characters'. Be as creative and as alternative as you can be! All welcome for what will no doubt be a great warm up for the holiday season, hope to see you all there!!

Socs Day: Social » Bailey Allen Hall » 13th January 2016

Seminar series: Wyoming, not for wimps: Seminar » Dunican theatre » 15th January 2016

A talk from Dr Gerard Wall on the work he performed on his recent 4 month trip to Wyoming, USA. All welcome.

Early-bird Postgraduate Ball Ticket Sales: Other » Meeting Room 2, Aras na Mac Leinn » 04th February 2016

Hi all! Early bird ticket sale for the postgraduate ball will take place this week, on the 4th and 5th (Thursday and Friday) from 12-4. Tickets bought on these days will be €45, and €50 thereafter from SocsBox.

Post-Graduate Ball: Social » Galway, Salthill, Salthill Hotel » 03rd March 2016

MicroSoc presents the annual NUI Galway Post-Graduate Ball on the 3rd March at the 4 star Salthill Hotel. Prosecco and sweet welcoming followed by a three-course meal with complimentary wine. Entertainment on the night is provided by the hugely popular Top of the Popz followed by a DJ. The past few years have been astounding successes with tickets flying out the door! There will be a limited number of early bird tickets available in Aras na mac Leinn on the 4th and 5th February for €45. After this, tickets will be available from Socs Box for €50. A guaranteed great night so be sure to get your tickets earLy. See you all there!

MicroSoc Seminar Series: Seminar » Dunican theatre » 11th March 2016

Beth O'Donoghue presents her recent PhD work in our latest MicroSoc seminar series. All welcome.

Lahinch Surfing trip: Social » Clare, Lahinch, Lahinch » 01st April 2016

Surfing trip to Lahinch, with wall climbing and archery available. Only 25 places available, first come first served basis.

Departing NUI Galway @12:00 on 01/04/16 and leaving Lahinch @12:00 on 02/04/16. Roughly €30 per person (subject to change) with accommodation included in the price

MicroSoc AGM: Other » Dunican theatre » 07th April 2016

Microsoc AGM this Thursday at 17:00 in the Dunican Theatre, all welcome.

Microsoc seminar series: Seminar » Dunican theatre » 08th April 2016

Microsocs next seminar series from the microbiology departments research PhDs.

MicroSoc seminar: Seminar » Dunican theatre » 19th April 2016

You are invited to a seminar in Microbiology Tuesday April 19th, at 4pm, in the Dunican Theatre AD-typing in anaerobic digestion: from microbial community dynamics and activity to process control Dr Jo de Vrieze Centre for Microbial Ecology and Technology University of Ghent

MicroSoc Seminar Series: Seminar » Dunican theatre » 16th May 2016

MicroSoc Seminar, Monday 16th May 1pm Dunican Lecture Theatre “Disarming a bacterial pathogen: Targeting the virulence gene regulator PrfA in the intracellular human pathogen *Listeria monocytogenes*” Prof Jörgen Johansson, Dept. of Molecular Biology, Umeå University, Sweden Prof Johansson’s group is interested in regulatory circuits that control the switch to virulence in the intracellular human pathogen *Listeria monocytogenes*. He is responsible for elucidating the temperature-dependent mechanism that activates the transcription of PrfA, which is the main regulator of virulence in this pathogen. He studies small non-coding regulatory RNAs that are involved in gene regulation and was the first to identify a trans-acting riboswitch that influences virulence. More recently he has been seeking to characterise the mode of action of inhibitors that block virulence gene expression in *L. monocytogenes* and this work will form part of his seminar presentation.

Committee 2015/2016

OCM: Kerrie Nicaogain

OCM: Laila Shwaiki

Secretary: Grainne Breathnach

OCM: Yinka Somorin

OCM: Oisin Cleary

OCM: Shannon Fullbrook

OCM: Cliodhna O'Reilly

Treasurer: Andrea Flannery

Auditor: Christopher Campbell

OCM: Laura Gallagher

OCM : Aileen Gill

OCM: Pearse Farragher

OCM: Grainne McAndrew

PRO: Jasmine Connolly

Committee 2016/2017

Treasurer: Andrea Flannery

Auditor: Christopher Campbell

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	8,793.74	Ball	€9,502.73
Balls	€58.78	Bank charge	€103.29
Fundraising	€277.50	Dinner/Food	€2,726.95
Socs box Till	€5,200.00	Entertainment	€1,157.00
Ticket Sales	€8,695.00	Fundraising / Charity	€314.20

USC Grant	€800.00	Gifts	€320.00
		Hire Bus	€557.00
		Makeup/Props	€58.78
		Printing	€156.90
		Prizes	€149.00
		Reception	€2,279.80
		Society accomm	€360.00
		Speaker accomm	€700.45
		Speaker travel	€196.06
		Expenditure Total	€18,582.16
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€5,242.86
Total	€23,825.02	Total	€23,825.02

Mission Statement

The Microbiology society is a community of students within the microbiology department that share a keen interest in microbiology. The society acts by bringing all its members together, to engage in various activities, both leisure and academic.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

The aims of Microsoc shall be the promotion of microbiology and the development of a sense of community in the department through the organisation of social events. The society is involved in arranging monthly talks given by both visiting speakers and researchers within the university and various courses of relevance for students within the department. In addition, the society also organises social events throughout the year including table quizzes, coffee mornings, the post-graduate ball, seasonal events such as the summer BBQ and the Christmas party to try bring a sense of community within the microbiology department and with people who have an interest in microbiology in general.

Society Performance Reflection

MicroSoc did very well this year, beginning by electing a higher than usual number of 4th year undergrads to the committee (50% of the committee), enabling for greater inclusion and integration of the 4th years in MicroSoc events and the department as a whole.

The year's events began in October with a welcome party for the 4th years, an opportunity for them to meet their classmates and the postgrads in a more relaxed setting with the aim of promoting a sense of community and friendship. The turnout was quite good.

The annual Coffee and Mulled Wine morning in December was a great success, with staff and students contributing baked goods and funds raised going towards the Galway Simon community.

The MicroSoc Fancy Dress Christmas Party was also held in December with great participation! Prizes were given to the best dressed in a number of categories.

The Post Graduate Ball held in March was expertly organised by the postgrads and was a resounding success, a great night was had by all.

In April a group of 18 travelled to Lahinch in Co. Clare for a day of surfing and a visit to the Cliffs of Moher. The trip was a great team-building exercise and everyone had a fantastic time.

Many seminars were hosted throughout the year given by both external speakers and NUIG researchers.

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

Yes, the level of 4th year participation in the committee and at events was relatively high; seminar attendance was good; and the society held a number of departmental events where students and staff were able to socialise and form good working relationships.

Greatest Success

The Postgraduate Ball is a huge undertaking and the great success of this year's ball is solely down to the hard work and cooperation of the postgrads in MicroSoc.

Greatest Challenge

As above, the Postgraduate Ball. A lot of personal time and effort was dedicated to ensuring a fantastic night was had by all.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 14 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 14 committee members.

Microsoc ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Grainne McAndrew</u>	Ordinary Committee Member, Event Planning	20 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	20 hours	

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 153 members. 14 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Musical Society (GUMS)

This year GUMS had one of their most successful years since its conception over 16 years ago. Our committee began working together last May when we got together to choose the main musical for the 2015/2016 academic year. Together we had chosen the Addams Family to provide the society with a lot more humour and chorus involvement after the dark and lead-central Cabaret last year.

Our year began with our annual Variety Show with DramSoc during orientation week to get first years excited about GUMS and our upcoming production. We then had our table at Socs Day where we plugged the auditions for Addams as well as advertising our EGM for the very vital roles of Sets Assistant and Head of Costumes. At that EGM we filled the positions easily with Eoin Shimizu and Grace Dillon and were finally ready to get started with the year. As well as this on Socs Day GUMS had just over 790 members - the most we've ever had!

Auditions for Addams were very successful with over 200 auditionees - the largest number we've had in years. As always we had our callbacks 2 days later and our show was cast, apart from the character of Lurch where we had to hold a separate day of auditions.

Singing rehearsals began in September but we had a minor setback when our Head of Choreography Charlie Moore informed us she could no longer do the show, so we quickly held an EGM to reelect the position and get started on dance rehearsals as soon as possible. Rory McNamara was elected in that role, but we are still grateful to Charlie for helping us choose the perfect cast we had

for Addams.

In October we held auditions for our musical collab with DramSoc, which was to be *The Heathers* and to take place in November. Unfortunately, after casting and days worth of rehearsals, the show had to be cancelled as the rights could not be obtained and there was absolutely no way around it. That meant this year GUMS has only put on one musical, and we had none in semester one.

The lack of musical collab this year did have some silver lining as we had our first ever Musical Lucky Dip! This entailed the committee choosing three songs from three musicals and splitting people into teams to have a week to come up with a performance. We had songs from *Beauty & The Beast*, *Les Miserables* and *Chicago*, and it led to a very hilarious and entertaining night. Lucky Dips will definitely be apart of GUMS' future!

While rehearsals were going underway, GUMS had their annual NUIG's Got Talent competition organised by our Ents Officer Diarmuid Tierney. We had 3 heats in the College Bar and our grand final in the Bailey Allen Hall where we gave our €1,000 cash prize to the duo Benny & Brid - and GUMS will be sure to lay claim to their fame in the future if they continue with music.

Before Christmas we had a host of other events, including an Open Mic Night with Choral Soc, a trip to see PASG's *Addams Family* (to see how we could outdo them with our production), and we auditioned the orchestra for *Addams* during study week.

The beginning of semester 2 is always hectic for GUMS and this year it was no different. We began with our weekend rehearsals, meaning our very dedicated chorus members were now rehearsing for 4 days a week. By the time the week of the show came around we were all exhausted but running completely on adrenaline as we were so excited to finally take to the stage! Another set back we had this year was that Muscailt's dates had been changed so we had lost our only PR platform, but a press launch was kindly organised by the SocsBox where the songs *Pulled* and *Death is Just Around the Corner* were performed and we ended up having our most successful show ever! We even added in an extra matinee show for families on the Saturday because sometimes 5 shows just isn't enough.

The show took place in the second week of February and we all basically lived in the Black Box so as to not ruin our hair, make up and costumes done by our Costumes Team of Grace Dillon and Conor Duggan and their team for makeup. Not only did we sell out a night or two, but we oversold a night and had to sell seats we normally never would. The AIMS adjudicator came on the Thursday night and afterwards he spoke of how much he enjoyed our show. In his report he not only praised the production team and lead cast but even the chorus members for having individual characters, even naming the *Forlorn Bride* (Aisling Bonner) and the *Cavewoman* (Sive Neary) in his report.

Straight after the successful run we had our annual GUMS Ball in the Galway Bay Hotel, again organised by Diarmuid Tierney, where everybody really enjoyed the nostalgic music and the chocolate fountain. We hosted a Musical Theatre Open Mic Night for Wellness week and we will also be taking part in the first ever Musical Intervarsities in the middle of April, where a team of 30 will be travelling to UCD to showcase just how talented our society is!

In May we will be having our annual trip to the West End in London, where 24 of our members will be seeing at least one musical production.

So while this year GUMS had a number of setbacks we were really able to power through them and allow for a year with more inclusiveness than ever before. Both the Lucky Dip and Intervarsities meant that people only here for one semester could still be an active member of GUMS. Our committee all worked really well together, being lead by the very dedicated Dee Ni C and Neil Delaney as our auditor and vice respectively, and everybody elected has been absolutely perfect in their roles and this allowed for GUMS, along with our very active members, to have one of its best years yet! The positive note we're leaving on only means that next year GUMS is going to get so much better!

As of now GUMS has 795 members so we're really looking forward to the next year and the AGM to see who our new committee will be!

GUMS Society Events list (83 Individual Events)

Open Auditions for The Addams Family!: Arts & Culture » Aras na Mac Leinn » 14th September 2015

We welcome auditionees from all levels of experience and backgrounds to come and audition for our main musical *The Addams Family*. We will ask you to sing, act and dance. All the preparation needed is a verse and chorus of any song as we will provide the scripts and dance routine. Come along as early as convenient for fun galore

Callbacks for The Addams Family!: Arts & Culture » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 16th September 2015

Callbacks will be taking place upstairs in Áras Na Mac Léinn in The Space. If you are called back you will be contacted and told what you will have to have prepared.

Meet & Greet!: Arts & Culture » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 23rd September 2015

We'll be having a meet and greet for all those involved with GUMS and The Addams Family. The official cast for the musical will be announced and the cast, chorus and crew can all get to know each other before the rehearsals start. Get ready for the start of what's sure to be a great show!

Auditions for Lurch!: Arts & Culture » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 28th September 2015

We are one cast member short for our musical The Addams Family next February! So if you're tall and able to growl and sing we would love for you to come audition for the role of Lurch



Singing Rehearsals for the Addams Family!: Arts & Culture » Tyndall Theatre » 28th September 2015

Singing rehearsals for the chorus of The Addams Family will take place in Tyndall Theatre. The Tyndall Theatre is in the Concourse, behind the McMunn Theater (beside Smokey's) and just before the Microbiology Department.

Acting Rehearsals - LEADS ONLY!: Arts & Culture » The Meeting Rooms » 29th September 2015

Acting rehearsals for The Addams Family - for the leads only!

Lion King Sing-a-long with Disney Soc!: Arts & Culture » O'Flaherty Theatre » 29th September 2015

We are collaborating with Disney Soc to host a Lion King Sing-A-Long! If you know every word off by heart or only know Hakuna Matata/the very beginning of The Circle of Life come along for FREE PIZZA and what is sure to be a great time. Be prepared to sing!

GUMS EGM for Head Choreographer!: Arts & Culture » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 30th September 2015

GUMS are having an EGM to fill in the position of Head Choreographer for our musical The Addams Family. If you're interested don't hesitate to come to our EGM on Wednesday in The Cube!

Singing Rehearsals for the Addams Family!: Arts & Culture » Tyndall Theatre » 05th October 2015

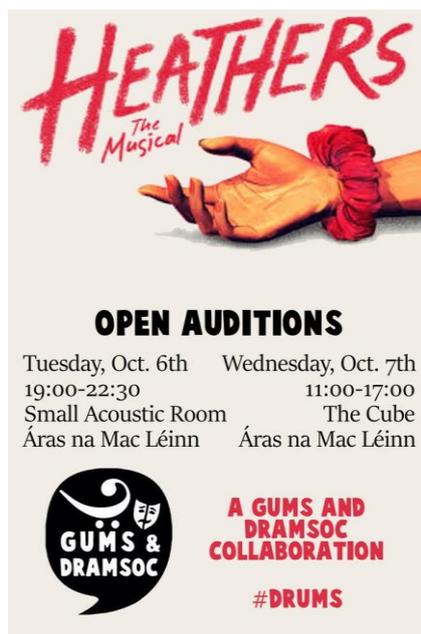
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Acting Rehearsals - LEADS ONLY!: Arts & Culture » The Meeting Rooms » 06th October 2015

Acting rehearsals for The Addams Family - for the leads only!

Heathers: The Musical Open Auditions in collaboration with DramSoc!: Arts & Culture » Small Acoustic Room » 06th October 2015

Unable to take part in The Addams Family next semester? Don't want to have to wait until February to get on stage to sing and dance? Huge fan of 80's movies that have been turned into musicals? You're in luck! GUMS and DramSoc are working together this semester to put on Heathers: The Musical and want you to audition! The musical will take place November 3rd - 6th and auditions are this Tuesday and Wednesday.



Heathers: The Musical Open Auditions in collaboration with DramSoc!: Arts & Culture » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 07th October 2015
Day 2 of the Heathers: The Musical auditions with GUMS and DramSoc!

Open Mic Night with Choral Soc!: Arts & Culture » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 07th October 2015

As part of Mental Health week GUMS are teaming up with Choral Soc to bring you an Open Mic night! Nothing really promotes positivity and mental well-being better than music so come along to sing your favourite songs and enjoy the show or come for the free pizza.

GUMS Bake Sale!: Arts & Culture » Smokey's Cafe » 12th October 2015

If you're in the mood for some baked goods GUMS will be having a bake sale this Monday in Smokey's. You are more than welcome to bake something for us but if not come and down and buy something delicious all to support the society.

Singing Rehearsals for the Addams Family!: Arts & Culture » Tyndall Theatre » 12th October 2015

Singing rehearsals for the chorus of The Addams Family will take place in Tyndall Theatre. The Tyndall Theatre is in the Concourse, behind the McMunn Theater (beside Smokey's) and just before the Microbiology Department.

Acting Rehearsals - LEADS ONLY!: Arts & Culture » The Meeting Rooms » 13th October 2015

Acting rehearsals for The Addams Family - for the leads only!

Dance Rehearsals for the Addams Family!: Arts & Culture » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 14th October 2015

Dance rehearsals for the chorus/Ancestors in the Addams Family.



Singing Rehearsals for the Addams Family!: Training » Tyndall Theatre » 19th October 2015

Singing rehearsals for the chorus of The Addams Family will take place in Tyndall Theatre. The Tyndall Theatre is in the Concourse, behind the McMunn Theater (beside Smokey's) and just before the Microbiology Department.

Dance Rehearsals for the Addams Family!: Training » Arts Millennium Foyer » 21st October 2015

Due to the conferrings this week's dance rehearsals for the chorus/Ancestors in the Addams Family will be in the Arts Millennium Foyer! Don't miss it!

NUIG's Got Talent - Heat 1!: Social » College bar » 22nd October 2015

How does winning €1000 sound to you? Magnificent? Then come down to the College Bar on Thursday night to take part in Heat 1 of NUIG's Got Talent! Enter by signing up on the night or at the Socs Box at any time for only €2 and then come along and perform your talent (which could be ANYTHING) for your chance to qualify for the final on Wednesday the 18th of November in the Bailey Allen Hall and come closer to winning that €1,000!! It's not a chance to be missed!!

Acting Rehearsals - LEADS ONLY!: Training » The Meeting Rooms » 27th October 2015

Acting rehearsals for The Addams Family - for the leads only

Dance Rehearsals for the Addams Family!: Arts & Culture » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 28th October 2015

Dance rehearsals for the chorus/Ancestors in the Addams Family.

NUIG's Got Talent - Heat 2!: Social » College bar » 29th October 2015

Did you miss out on your chance to win €1,000 last week? If you missed Heat 1 or are still debating entering our competition come to the College Bar this Thursday to partake in NUIG's Got Talent Heat 2! Sign up on the night or beforehand at the SocsBox for only €2 before the rush of Heat 3 so you can show us your talent (which again, can be ANYTHING) and maybe win €1,000!

Drums Halloween Party!: Social » Galway, Galway, Monroe's » 30th October 2015

GUMS and DramSoc are coming together to host a Halloween Party this Friday in Monroe's! Be sure to dress up as there is a prize for best dressed!!

Singing Rehearsals for the Addams Family!: Training » Tyndall Theatre » 02nd November 2015

Singing rehearsals for the chorus of The Addams Family will take place in Tyndall Theatre. The Tyndall Theatre is in the Concourse, behind the McMunn Theater (beside Smokey's) and just before the Microbiology Department.

Acting Rehearsals - LEADS ONLY!: Training » The Meeting Rooms » 03rd November 2015

Acting rehearsals for The Addams Family - for the leads only!

Dance Rehearsals for the Addams Family!: Arts & Culture » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 04th November 2015

Dance rehearsals for the chorus/Ancestors in the Addams Family.

NUIG's Got Talent - FINAL HEAT!: Social » The College Bar » 05th November 2015

This is your last chance to win 1,000 Euros! NUIG's Got Talent Heat 3 has been moved up to this Thursday in the College Bar!

Sign up beforehand at the SocsBox or on the night for just €2 so you can show our judges why you should get into the final and be in with that chance of winning €1,000!! You have to be in it to win it and this is the LAST HEAT!!!



Singing Rehearsals for the Addams Family!: Training » Tyndall Theatre » 09th November 2015

Singing rehearsals for the chorus of The Addams Family will take place in Tyndall Theatre. The Tyndall Theatre is in the Concourse, behind the McMunn Theater (beside Smokey's) and just before the Microbiology Department.

Acting Rehearsals - LEADS ONLY!: Training » The Meeting Rooms » 10th November 2015

Acting rehearsals for The Addams Family - for the leads only!

Dance Rehearsals for the Addams Family!: Arts & Culture » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 11th November 2015

Dance rehearsals for the chorus/Ancestors in the Addams Family.

GUMS Lucky Dip Musical Medley!: Arts & Culture » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 12th November 2015

GUMS are presenting a Musical Medley Lucky Dip showcasing songs from the 4 musicals Les Misérables, Beauty and the Beast, Chicago and Heathers! The groups were only given one week to rehearse 3 songs so come to the show to see how they got on!

Selling Tickets for NUIG's Got Talent - THE FINAL!: Social » Smokey's Cafe » 16th November 2015

GUMS will be selling tickets to NUIG's Got Talent the Final which takes place THIS Wednesday from 7pm! For the measly price of €10 you get a dinner, vote card, Four Star Pizza and Subway vouchers, access to a late bar, a night of entertainment and entry into the after party in Carbon! It's really not a night to miss! But if you miss us at Smokey's tickets will be available in the SocsBox until the event or until they sell out so buy your tickets soon!

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Acting Rehearsals - LEADS ONLY!: Training » The Meeting Rooms » 17th November 2015

Acting rehearsals for The Addams Family - for the leads only!

NUIG's Got Talent - THE GRAND FINAL!: Social » Bailey Allen Hall » 18th November 2015

NUIG's Got Talent the FINAL is finally here!! After 3 heats, 9 judges, 1 MC and many, many contestants the top 12 have been chosen to perform in NUIG's Got Talent the final!! Consisting of finalists who sing, play instruments and dance (+more) along with interval acts, a raffle, a late bar, an after party and a dinner this is NOT an event to miss! And not only that this is ALL included in just a €10 ticket!!! Tickets are available at the SocsBox and when you buy them you will also be given a Subway and Four Star Pizza voucher! For the best of food and best of live entertainment, be sure to go to NUIG's Got Talent and VOTE for who you think should win the €1,000!!!

Dance Rehearsals for the Addams Family!: Training » Siobhan McKenna Theatre » 19th November 2015

This week's dance rehearsals have been moved to the Thursday to make way for NUIG's Got Talent the Final on Wednesday the 18th. Location Siobhan McKenna.

Singing Rehearsals for the Addams Family!: Training » Tyndall Theatre » 23rd November 2015

Singing rehearsals for the chorus of The Addams Family will take place in Tyndall Theatre. The Tyndall Theatre is in the Concourse, behind the McMunn Theater (beside Smokey's) and just before the Microbiology Department.

Acting Rehearsals for the Addams Family - LEADS ONLY: Training » Meeting Rooms » 24th November 2015

Acting rehearsals for The Addams Family - for the leads only!

Dance Rehearsals for the Addams Family: Training » Siobhan McKenna Theatre » 25th November 2015

Dance rehearsals for the chorus/Ancestors in the Addams Family.

Trip to see the PASG Addams Family!: Arts & Culture » Galway, Galway, Town Hall Theatre » 26th November 2015

Before GUMS present the Addams Family in February we're taking a trip to see the show done by PASG in the Town Hall Theatre!



Singing Rehearsals for the Addams Family!: Training » Tyndall Theatre » 30th November 2015

Singing rehearsals for the Addams Family are still going ahead during study week so please don't miss it! And for those who can make it we'll be having a full cast read through so the cast can get a feel of the musical

Orchestra Auditions for the Addams Family!: Training » The Large Acoustic Room » 02nd December 2015

If you play an instrument and are looking for a break from study week and would very much like to be a part of GUMS' biggest event of the year come along and audition for the Addams Family orchestra! See our facebook post to see what instruments are needed and if yours is there prepare a short piece to show your proficiency and expect to be asked to sight read some of the show's music.

Lead Weekend Rehearsals: Training » TBC » 09th January 2016

Weekend rehearsals for the leads of the Addams Family musical

Lead Weekend Rehearsals: Training » TBD » 10th January 2016

Lead weekend rehearsals for the Addams Family musical

Singing Rehearsals for The Addams Family!: Training » Tyndall Theatre » 11th January 2016

Singing rehearsals for the Addams Family. 5 weeks until the show!

Socs Day 2!: Social » Bailey Allen Hall » 13th January 2016

As semester 2 starts come visit GUMS on Socs Day 2 to find out what we have planned for semester 2, including information on our main musical the Addams Family which takes place from February 9th - February 13th.

Dance rehearsals for the Addams Family: Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 13th January 2016

Dance rehearsals for the Addams Family

Weekend Rehearsals for the Addams Family: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn » 16th January 2016

Weekend rehearsals for the Addams Family! For more details on times and when needed check the GUMS email

Weekend rehearsals for the Addams Family!: Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 17th January 2016

Weekend rehearsals for the Addams Family. For more details on times and when needed check the GUMS email

Singing rehearsals for the Addams Family: Training » Tyndall Theatre » 18th January 2016

With time growing ever closer to GUMS' Addams Family, singing rehearsals take place again in the Tyndall Theatre.

Dance Rehearsals for the Addams Family: Training » The Cube » 20th January 2016

Dance rehearsals take place in The Cube from 7pm-9pm as per usual. Attendance is vital as we get closer to the show!

Weekend Rehearsals for the Addams Family: Training » Siobhan McKenna Theatre » 23rd January 2016

Weekend rehearsals this week take place in the Siobhan McKenna Theatre in the Arts Millennium building. Stay tuned to the GUMS emails and the cast Facebook page to find out when exactly you're needed!

Weekend Rehearsals for the Addams Family: Training » Siobhan McKenna Theatre » 24th January 2016

Weekend rehearsals this week take place in the Siobhan McKenna Theatre in the Arts Millennium building. Stay tuned to the GUMS emails and the cast Facebook page to find out when exactly you're needed!

The Addams Family Press Launch: Arts & Culture » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 25th January 2016

As part of the Society's' Spring Programme GUMS will be performing two songs from The Addams Family which takes place from the 9th to the 13th of February in the Black Box.

Singing Rehearsals for the Addams Family: Training » Tyndall Theatre » 25th January 2016

Singing Rehearsals for the Addams Family

Dance Rehearsals for the Addams Family: Training » The Cube » 27th January 2016

Dance Rehearsals for the Addams Family

Intervarsities Open Auditions: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn » 28th January 2016

If you didn't get the chance to take part in GUMS' production of the Addams Family but are still interested in the idea of singing and dancing, come down to The Large Acoustic Room and The Space to audition for the first ever Musical Intervarsities in Ireland. Singing auditions will take place from 2:30pm - 5pm and dance auditions take place in three 40 minute slots (2:00pm - 2:40pm, 2:40pm - 3:20pm, 3:20pm - 4:00pm) and you MUST attend one of these slots if you want to be in the 30 participants.

Weekend Rehearsals for the Addams Family: Training » The Cube » 30th January 2016

Weekend rehearsals for the Addams Family. As always, check your emails to find when you're needed and to see if you may need to bring anything with you.

Weekend Rehearsals for the Addams Family: Training » The Cube » 31st January 2016

Weekend rehearsals for the Addams Family. As always, check your emails to see when you're needed and to see if you may need to bring anything with you.

Singing Rehearsals for the Addams Family: Training » Tyndall Theatre » 01st February 2016

The last singing rehearsals for the Addams Family in the Tyndall Theatre!

Dance Rehearsals for The Addams Family!: Training » The Cube » 03rd February 2016

Dance rehearsals for The Addams Family

Weekend Rehearsals for the Addams Family: Training » The Cube » 06th February 2016

Final weekend rehearsals for the Addams Family! Check the facebook page for more details on times

Weekend Rehearsals for the Addams Family!: Training » The Cube » 07th February 2016

The final weekend rehearsals for the Addams Family! Sunday's rehearsals includes a full dress run so ensure you have everything you need! Check the facebook page for more details of time.

Tech Run for the Addams Family!: Training » Galway, Galway, The Black Box Theatre » 08th February 2016

Today we get into the Black Box for the first time and have our last rehearsal for the Addams Family complete with costumes, lighting, orchestra and sound. Details will be made known to you for what time you are needed at.

GUMS' Production of the Addams Family!: Arts & Culture » Galway, Galway, The Black Box Theatre » 09th February 2016

After months of rehearsals and preparation it has finally arrived! GUMS' production of The Addams Family takes place from the 9th to the 13th of February in the Black Box Theatre! Tickets are €15, €12 concession or €10 in groups of 4+ and are available now from the Socs Box and tht.ie! Come down to the Black Box to see a hilarious show about your favourite macabre family and see what happens when the princess of darkness Wednesday Addams falls in love with a 'normal' boy. It's not to be missed!

GUMS' Production of the Addams Family!: Arts & Culture » Galway, Galway, The Black Box Theatre » 10th February 2016

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Matinee Performance of The Addams Family!: Arts & Culture » Galway, Galway, The Black Box Theatre » 13th February 2016

GUMS PRESENTS THE ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL This year GUMS is proud to present a family-orientated matinee of their production of The Addams Family musical! Taking place on Saturday the 13th of Feb, and with €10 a ticket for adults/students and €5 a ticket for children it's sure to be a fun day out for the entire family! Come down to the Black Box to see a hilarious show about your favourite macabre family and see what happens when the princess of darkness Wednesday Addams falls in love with a 'normal' boy. It's not to be missed!

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The GUMS Ball!: Social » Galway, Salthill, Galway Bay Hotel » 29th February 2016

To cure the PSD (post-show depression) left over after The Addams Family, GUMS and friends will be having their annual ball! Complete with a chocolate fountain and music that should have been forgotten about 20 years ago (and a looooooooooooooot of songs from musicals) it's sure to be a fun night for all.

GUMS' Health Week Open Mic Night!: Social » Tyndall Theatre » 10th March 2016

For Health Week GUMS are hosting an Open Mic night because open mic nights are good for your health? Of course they are, especially if there's a small hint of a musical theatre theme. (So we'll love you that little bit more if you drop by and sing a song from your fav musical). To make it all that much better, we'll be having it in our old singing rehearsal theatre the Tyndall! If you don't know where that is, go down the red doors next to Smokey's and continue on past the microbiology department and you'll find us there on Thursday at 8pm.

GUMS EGM!: Other » O'Flaherty Theatre » 15th March 2016

Just before our AGM which will take place, GUMS are having a preEGM to go over some constitutional issues. If you, as a member, would like to have a say in how the future of GUMS will run come to O'Flaherty Theatre this Tuesday at 6pm. Check out our facebook event and the poster below

Screening of The Addams Family Musical!: Social » Tyndall Theatre » 18th March 2016

Screening of GUMS' musical which took place February 9th - 13th

GUMS' AGM!: Other » O'Flaherty Theatre » 05th April 2016

GUMS will be having their AGM this Tuesday the 5th of April to elect the committee and the production team for the 2016/2017 academic year! If you want to get involved come to the AGM and once you're nominated you can be considered for a position! This year we also have two new positions on our production team (now a subcommittee); Assistant Musical Director and Stage Manager. If you're interested in any other position (see our facebook event for more details) we'd love to see you all there!

GUMS Intervarsities Performance!: Arts & Culture » The Cube » 13th April 2016

This weekend GUMS are travelling to UCD for the first ever Musical Society Intervarsities! Come by on Wednesday to see what the team has come up with for their 20 minute performance.

Intervarsities!: Arts & Culture » Dublin, Dublin, UCD » 15th April 2016

GUMS head to UCD to compete in Intervarsities!

GUMS End of Year Party!: Social » College bar » 20th April 2016

To celebrate one of GUMS' most successful years ever we're hosting an End of Year Party/Open Mic Night in the College Bar on Wednesday the 20th. If you want a break from studying or are really interested in cheesy pop music and songs from musicals be to sure to join us on the night! There will also be free finger food!

GUMS' Schools Awards!: Social » Bailey Allen Hall » 13th May 2016

GUMS' annual award show for secondary school musicals across the county Galway

GUMS' Annual Trip to the West End!: Arts & Culture » United Kingdom, London, The West End » 17th May 2016

GUMS are heading off on their annual trip to the West End to see Phantom of the Opera and many more musicals.

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Deirdre Ni Chloscai

Treasurer: Jack Fitzgerald

Director: Julie Breen

Assistant Choreographer: Lorna Butler O'Connor

Public Relations Officer: Doireann Nic Dhonncha

ENTs Officer: Diarmuid Tierney

Schools Liaison Officer: Cathal Ryan

Head of Costumes: Grace Dillon

Sets Assistant: Eoin Shimizu

Vice-Auditor: Neil Delaney

Secretary: Sive Neary

Musical Director: Dean Reidy

Public Relations Officer: Aisling Bonner

Societies Liaison Officer: Kevin Murphy

Costumes Assistant: Conor Duggan

Schools Liaison Officer: Claire O'Brien

Head of Sets: Frank Armstrong

Head of Choreography: Rory McNamara

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Conor Duggan

Treasurer: Jack Fitzgerald

Public Relations Officer: Mark Fitzgerald

Schools Liaison Officer: Marc Butler O'Connor

Entertainments Officer: Michael Murphy

Vice-Auditor: Sive Neary

Secretary: Doireann Nic Dhonncha

PR Assistant: Fiona Kane

Schools Liaison Officer: Sally Cahill

Societies Liaison Officer: Cathal Ryan

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	2,305.60	Ball	€2,202.00
Ecommerce Sales	€3,922.50	Bank charge	€70.61
Fundraising	€1,268.20	Costumes	€2,794.19
Hoodies	€1,360.00	Dinner/Food	€67.50
Members Contributions	€705.00	Entertainment	€119.00
Muscailt	€200.00	Entry fees	€630.00

Refund of Expenses	€900.00	Equipment misc	€200.00
Socs box Till	€9,299.00	Fundraising / Charity	€1,623.10
Sponsorship	€375.00	Gifts	€31.70
Ticket Sales	€11,280.00	Hall hire	€5,000.00
USC Grant	€11,000.00	Hoodies	€1,476.00
		Lights	€2,022.24
		Makeup/Props	€181.98
		Performing rights	€3,243.49
		Printing	€543.40
		Prizes	€1,200.00
		Promotions	€10.00
		Reception	€114.77
		Security	€200.00
		Services Hired	€2,138.00
		Set	€2,850.98
		Society accomm	€4,849.26
		Society transport	€2,811.52
		Sound	€2,913.40
		Expenditure Total	€37,293.14
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€5,322.16
Total	€42,615.30	Total	€42,615.30

Mission Statement

GUMS aims to create a welcoming, fun, friendly environment where people feel free to express themselves, and have the opportunity to learn and grow while developing their performance skills.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- To be a united team
- To put on a successful and enjoyable show

- To learn how to apply the skills we have acquired from GUMS to the real world
- To fundraise enough to ensure we do not run into debt

Society Performance Reflection

The 2015/2016 academic year was very successful for GUMS. This year our society seemed to reach new heights with more members, more inclusiveness and a very successful run of our musical *The Addams Family*. We were able to reach out to the community by donating an enormous sum to charity, we managed to include more people in our society than who were just in the show, and we received very positive responses regarding our show, from peers, professionals and critics alike. Any problem we had, such as no PR platform or no collaborative musical with Dramsoc, we were able to overcome with ease and they only led to more successes.

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

This year we managed to achieve all of our goals and then some. Our committee and production team were a united team that worked together all year with very little conflict, and the entire team got on really well. Our show was enjoyed by hundreds of people of all ages, thanks to our matinee show, and was critically acclaimed. Our members and committee learned so many skills that they can apply to the real world, such as presentation skills after being on stage or organisation and time management skills as people learned how to manage their academic life alongside society and committee work. This year we were also fortunate enough to have a diligent treasurer and a production team who came under budget, and an active PR team who managed to find many sponsors, which has meant that GUMS' financial difficulties are lessening.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success would have to be how well *The Addams Family* performed. Not only did we get a large, dedicated and talented cast who were more than willing to dedicate hundreds of hours to GUMS, but we also got many people to help backstage, with makeup and with front of house, as well as an incredible orchestra. This allowed for more people to get involved with the show than just those on stage. As well as this our PR campaign was extensive but it paid off - *Addams* not only sold out but over sold a night. Our audience reached new age groups with the family friendly matinee, meaning GUMS reached out to more people than ever before and not just those in NUIG. And to top it all off - the audiences were incredibly receptive, we got more than one standing ovation, and GUMS received a very positive AIMS review meaning the show was critically received! This was also thanks to having a committee that worked so well together as everyone worked hard to achieve the same goals. The entire *Addams Family* experience was a positive one and allows for GUMS to grow into a more successful society in years to come.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge perhaps would have been Muscailt changing their dates to be later in the year. GUMS have their show every year in the same week to coincide with Muscailt so we could have a PR platform and be part of a larger festival to bring in more people to see the show. Without Muscailt this year we were left with no festival for the show to run in and no press release guaranteed. However, the Socs Box organised a press release, not only for us but for other societies also, and GUMS had the best run they've ever had with *The Addams Family*. This showed us that GUMS do not need to depend on another platform to draw in a crowd and has boosted the society's confidence. Another challenge GUMS has had for a number of years is finance, but this year we've begun to reign that in and hopefully next year it will improve further.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 18 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 18 committee members.

Musical Society (GUMS) ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Sally Cahill</u>	Cast Member	400 hours
<u>Eoin Shimizu</u>	Sets Assistant	300 hours
<u>Sive Neary</u>	Secretary, Cast Member	600 hours
<u>Michelle Moore Temple</u>	Stage Crew	54 hours
<u>Alex Murphy</u>	Cast Member	300 hours
<u>Meadhbh Lyons</u>	Dance Captain	400 hours

<u>Michael Murphy</u>	Member	340 hours
<u>Grace Dillon</u>	Head of Costumes, Ordinary Committee Member	530 hours
<u>Aisling Forde</u>	Chorus Member	300 hours
<u>Sianna Fallon</u>	Cast Member	300 hours
<u>Aisling McGing</u>	Heathers	200 hours
<u>Kevin Murphy</u>	Actor, Societies Liaison Officer	900 hours
<u>Frank Armstrong</u>	Head of Sets	550 hours
<u>Aisling Nolan</u>	Cast	300 hours
<u>Jemma Gunning</u>	Volunteer	300 hours
<u>Erin Fawdry</u>	Cast	300 hours
<u>Claire Donnelly</u>	Cast	40 hours
<u>Melissa Anderson</u>	Cast Member	300 hours
<u>Conor Duggan</u>	Ordinary Committee Member, Costumes Assistant, Performer	750 hours
<u>Sara Fuller</u>	Orchestra Member	40 hours
<u>Orla Cullen</u>	Chorus Member	300 hours
<u>Sarah O'Rourke</u>	Chorus Member	300 hours
<u>Maeve Charles</u>	Chorus Member	300 hours
<u>Mark Fitzgerald</u>	Chorus Member	320 hours
<u>Hollie Coleman</u>	Chorus Member	300 hours
<u>Kate Griffin</u>	Chorus Member	300 hours
<u>Doireann Nic Dhonncha</u>	Public Relations Officer, Lucky Dip Captain, Heathers ASM, Chorus Member, The Moon	953 hours
<u>Dean Reidy</u>	Musical Director	750 hours
<u>Niamh Butler Thornton</u>	Addams Family Stage Manager, Light Technician	120 hours
<u>Diarmuid Tierney</u>	Entertainment Officer	150 hours
<u>Saoirse Lynch</u>	Costumes, Make-up, Chorus, Cast	300 hours
<u>Aisling Bonner</u>	PRO, Chorus Member, Intervarsities Cast	740 hours
<u>Jack Fitzgerald</u>	Treasurer, Cast Member	600 hours
<u>Deirdre Ni Chloscai</u>	Auditor, Producer, Performer	1500 hours
<u>Richard Brown</u>	Front of House Manager	50 hours
<u>Niamh N</u>	Actor	200 hours
<u>Ashley Le</u>	Chorus Member	300 hours
<u>Cliona McMahon</u>	Cast	350 hours
<u>Manon Bernard</u>	Cast	300 hours
<u>Ethan Cox</u>	Cast Member	300 hours
<u>Katie Kerrigan</u>	Chorus Member	300 hours
<u>Niamh Roche</u>	Cast Member	300 hours

<u>Neil Delaney</u>	Vice-Auditor	1200 hours
<u>Adrienne Walsh</u>	Chorus, Committee	500 hours
<u>Cathal Ryan</u>	Cast and Committee Member	700 hours
<u>Christina O'Reilly</u>	Cast	35 hours
<u>Fiona Kane</u>	Member	300 hours
<u>Orla Kiely</u>	Member	320 hours
<u>Rory McNamara</u>	Choreographer	800 hours
<u>Becky O'Toole</u>	Cast Member	200 hours
<u>Lorna Butler O'Connor</u>	Choreographer	800 hours
<u>Niamh O'Connor</u>	Musical Orchestra Cellist	20 hours
<u>Caitriona Brennan</u>	Front of House	2 hours
<u>Aisling O'Leary</u>	Chorus Member	300 hours
<u>David Nagle</u>	Cast Member	300 hours
<u>Tara Diviney</u>	Cast Member	400 hours
<u>Paddy Quinn</u>	Cast Member	300 hours
<u>Natasha Carrick</u>	Cast Member	300 hours
# ALIVE Students:	58 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	22714 hours	

Other Information

We held 18 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 798 members. 17 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

MusicSoc

Music Soc has provided a platform for students who are interested in music to pursue this interest with passion and dedication. This does not apply to just musicians however, Music Soc has also appealed to non-musicians through our events and activities. Music Soc has accomplished this while continuing to grow and has become one of the college's most popular societies.

Music Society Events list (66 Individual Events)

Meet and Greet: Social » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 16th September 2015

EGM + School of Rock: Social » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 23rd September 2015

Recording Sessions: Other » Small Acoustic Room » 24th September 2015

Open Mic: Social » College Bar, Back room » 28th September 2015

The legendary Open Mic in the College Bar hosted by Music Soc, commencing at 9:30ish.

Guitar Lessons: Training » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 30th September 2015

Guitar lessons for beginners, facilitated by Music Soc. Bringing your own guitar is highly recommended. Lessons are free.

Open Mic: Social » College Bar, Back room » 05th October 2015

Open Mic in the back room of the College Bar from 9pm. It's an excellent chance to get practice performing in front of an encouraging crowd. Free beverage vouchers for all performers.

Open Mic: Arts & Culture » College Bar, Back room » 12th October 2015

Our Weekly Open Mic.

Music Soc Guitar Lessons: Arts & Culture » Small Acoustic Room » 13th October 2015

Free music soc guitar lessons

Music Soc Recording Session: Other » Small Acoustic Room » 15th October 2015

Music Soc recording session hosted by Joss Myers

Open Mic: Arts & Culture » College Bar, Back room » 19th October 2015

Our Weekly Open Mic.

Music Soc guitar Lessons: Arts & Culture » Small Acoustic Room » 20th October 2015

Free Music Soc Guitar Lesson

Music Soc Recording Session: Other » Small Acoustic Room » 22nd October 2015

Music Soc recording session hosted by Joss Myers

Open Mic: Arts & Culture » College Bar, Back room » 26th October 2015

Our Weekly Open Mic.

Music Soc Guitar Lessons: Arts & Culture » Small Acoustic Room » 27th October 2015

Free Music Soc Guitar Lessons

Music Soc Recording Session: Other » Small Acoustic Room » 29th October 2015

Music Soc recording session hosted by Joss Myers

Open Mic: Arts & Culture » College Bar, Back room » 02nd November 2015

Our Weekly Open Mic.

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Musicsoc Open Mic: Social » College Bar, Back room » 23rd November 2015

Guys it's the last open mic of the semester and it's a CHRISTMAS THEME. Free beverage vouchers to all performers as well, so be sure to come along and check it out

Music Soc Recording Session: Other » Small Acoustic Room » 26th November 2015

Music Soc recording session hosted by Joss Myers

Music Soc guitar lessons: Arts & Culture » Small Acoustic Room » 05th January 2016

Free Music Soc Guitar Lessons

Music Soc Recording: Arts & Culture » Small Acoustic Room » 07th January 2016

Come along and record a song!

Music Soc Guitar Lessons: Arts & Culture » Small Acoustic Room » 12th January 2016

Free Music Soc guitar lessons

Open Mic: Social » College Bar, Back room » 12th January 2016

The awesome and legendary Open Mic is back from 9pm on Tuesday night in the College Bar! Play a song, win a prize!

Music Soc Recording: Arts & Culture » Small Acoustic Room » 14th January 2016

Come along and record a song!

Open Mic: Arts & Culture » College Bar, Back room » 18th January 2016

Our Weekly Open Mic

Music Soc Guitar Lessons: Arts & Culture » Small Acoustic Room » 19th January 2016

Free Music Soc guitar lessons

Music Soc Recording: Arts & Culture » Small Acoustic Room » 21st January 2016

Come along and record a song!

Witless Heat 1: Arts & Culture » College Bar, Main Bar » 25th January 2016

Music Soc Guitar Lessons: Arts & Culture » Small Acoustic Room » 26th January 2016

Free Music Soc guitar lessons

Music Soc Recording: Arts & Culture » Small Acoustic Room » 28th January 2016

Come along and record a song!

Open Mic: Arts & Culture » College Bar, Back room » 01st February 2016

Our Weekly Open Mic

Music Soc Guitar Lessons: Arts & Culture » Small Acoustic Room » 02nd February 2016

Free Music Soc guitar lessons

Music Soc Recording: Arts & Culture » Small Acoustic Room » 04th February 2016

Come along and record a song!

Witless Heat 2: Arts & Culture » College Bar, Main Bar » 04th February 2016

Open Mic: Arts & Culture » College Bar, Back room » 08th February 2016

Our weekly open mic

Music Soc Guitar Lessons: Arts & Culture » Small Acoustic Room » 09th February 2016

Free Music Soc guitar lessons

Music Soc Recording: Other » Small Acoustic Room » 11th February 2016

Music soc recording sessions. Come along and record a song!

Witless Heat 3: Arts & Culture » College Bar, Main Bar » 11th February 2016

Witless Heat 3 featuring Foxy Boxing, Billy and the Cloneasaurus, The Wayfarers and Bob Skeleton

Open Mic: Arts & Culture » College Bar, Back room » 15th February 2016

Nuig Music Socs Open Mic. Open to all, come along, sing a song and be rewarded with a mysterious prize!!

Music Soc Guitar Lessons: Arts & Culture » Small Acoustic Room » 16th February 2016

Free Music Soc guitar lessons

Music Soc Recording: Other » Small Acoustic Room » 18th February 2016

Music soc recording sessions. Come along and record a song!

Witless Heat 4: Arts & Culture » College Bar, Main Bar » 18th February 2016

Open Mic: Arts & Culture » College Bar, Back room » 22nd February 2016

Nuig Music Socs Open Mic. Open to all, come along, sing a song and be rewarded with a mysterious prize!!

Music Soc Guitar Lessons: Arts & Culture » Small Acoustic Room » 23rd February 2016

Free Music Soc guitar lessons

Music Soc Recording: Other » Small Acoustic Room » 25th February 2016

Music soc recording sessions. Come along and record a song!

Open Mic: Arts & Culture » College Bar, Back room » 29th February 2016

Nuig Music Socs Open Mic. Open to all, come along, sing a song and be rewarded with a mysterious prize!!

Music Soc Guitar Lessons: Arts & Culture » Small Acoustic Room » 01st March 2016

Free Music Soc guitar lessons

Music Soc Recording: Other » Small Acoustic Room » 03rd March 2016

Music soc recording sessions. Come along and record a song!

Witless Final: Arts & Culture » College Bar, Main Bar » 03rd March 2016

Featuring all of our heat winners plus a wild card act, The final of Witless 2016 should be great craic. Last years winners D-Day will also be returning to entertain the crowd after all the contestants have played!

Open Mic: Arts & Culture » College Bar, Back room » 07th March 2016

Nuig Music Socs Open Mic. Open to all, come along, sing a song and be rewarded with a mysterious prize!!

Music Soc Guitar Lessons: Arts & Culture » Small Acoustic Room » 08th March 2016

Free Music Soc guitar lessons

Music Soc Recording: Other » Small Acoustic Room » 10th March 2016

Music soc recording sessions. Come along and record a song!

Open Mic: Arts & Culture » College Bar, Back room » 14th March 2016

Nuig Music Socs Open Mic. Open to all, come along, sing a song and be rewarded with a mysterious prize!!

Music Soc Guitar Lessons: Arts & Culture » Small Acoustic Room » 15th March 2016

Free Music Soc guitar lessons

MusicSoc Quays Gig: Arts & Culture » Galway, Galway City, the quays » 23rd March 2016

The first MusicSoc gig in The Quays Bar. Come along and listen as 5 of NUIG's finest bands strut their stuff. Headlining the gig will be this year's Witless winners BOB Skeleton!!!!

Music Soc Recording: Other » Small Acoustic Room » 24th March 2016

Music soc recording sessions. Come along and record a song!

Annual General Meeting: Social » McMunn Theatre » 06th April 2016

Music Soc's AGM! Come and get yourself a committee position for next year or meet other music enthusiasts. Either way you get free pizza and a distraction from study

Music Soc Recording: Other » Small Acoustic Room » 07th April 2016

Music soc recording sessions. Come along and record a song!

Music Soc Recording: Other » Small Acoustic Room » 14th April 2016

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Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Michael Leahy

Treasurer: Joss Myers

Press Release Officer: Hannah Preston

OCM: John Delany

OCM: Oisín O'Heartain

First Year Representative: Jessica Atcheson

Vice-Auditor: Sam Hickey

Secretary: Paul O'Malley

Equipment Manager: Darragh Connolly

OCM: Adam Nihill

OCM: Mark Healy

Committee 2016/2017

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Secretary: Hannah Preston

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	802.36	Bank charge	€28.05
Ecommerce Sales	€125.00	Dinner/Food	€105.00
USC Grant	€2,000.00	Entertainment	€202.70
		Equipment misc	€930.93
		Materials	€60.00
		Phone	€56.40
		Printing	€113.50
		Prizes	€137.46
		Promotions	€12.19
		Services Hired	€55.00
		Socs Box Till Refund	€100.00
		Socs day expenses	€8.58
		Expenditure Total	€1,809.81
		Cash In Hand	€11.04
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,106.51
Total	€2,927.36	Total	€2,927.36

Mission Statement

The Music Society aims to encourage, help develop and influence musicians in NUIG and in Galway as a whole. Providing a nurturing and friendly environment, we hope to design a platform for musicians to collaborate, learn from each other and hone their talents together.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

The Society aims to increase its membership from its level last year, as well as more collaborations with other societies. Our objectives and goals will be to run successful, inspiring events and host the most successful Witless in recent years. We aim to help inspire, nurture and expand the music scene in NUIG and Galway

Society Performance Reflection

The Society grew significantly over the course of the year with major events every week. Our Witless band competition was a huge success and drew large numbers of members to the venue.

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

To create and promote a healthy environment for the performance of music for our members across NUI Galway's campus and to the wider world where appropriate.

To promote music to all students

To facilitate the learning of music

To facilitate musical performance, entertainment and enjoyment.

Greatest Success

The Witless Battle of the Bands Competition 2016 along with the consistent growth and success of our weekly open mics.

Greatest Challenge

The promotion and inclusion of non musicians within all of our society events.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 11 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 11 committee members.

MusicSoc ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Hannah Preston</u>	Public Relations Officer	250 hours
<u>Michael Leahy</u>	Auditor	192 hours
<u>Joss Myers</u>	Treasurer	560 hours
<u>Darragh Connolly</u>	Equipment Manager	92 hours
# ALIVE Students:	4 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	1094 hours	

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 746 members. 8 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Neuro Society

The Neuro Society is a society based on neuroscience. It was started by neuroscience students to meet people outside of their lectures that have an interest in neuroscience. We have an academic side to our society where we have career talks and talks where Ph.D students show off their research. We also did a lot of volunteering workshops in secondary schools on EEG machines, illusions and memory, and in the Aula Maxima during Brain Awareness Week we took part in the Explore Projects contributing the 'Seeing The Light' project about different perceptions among the world. On the social side of things we contributed to many events like Social Inclusion Week along with PsychSoc and the Silent Disco in the ILAS. Along with this, we managed events like our 'Escape The Room' event for Halloween. It is a fun society to be in. People can join our society on Facebook to see what we are doing. <https://www.facebook.com/neurosocnuig>

Neuro Society Events list (24 Individual Events)

Brainstorming & EGM: Other » Meeting Room 1 » 15th September 2015

Come to our brainstorming meeting on Tuesday to share and hear ideas for Neuro Soc events! Once we've tapped out our creativity, it's straight onto business to elect people to for available committee positions. If you're not sure whether or not to getting involved, come along anyway and check us out - no brainwashing/pressure!

NeuroSoc General Meeting: Other » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 14th October 2015

We are having a meeting on Wednesday to discuss our future Halloween event and we need lots of ideas so please come along. We will also be running through the leadership programme that we have to fill out. And, finally we will by brainstorming our Explore application and the Perception project.

NeuroSoc General Meeting: Other » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 21st October 2015

We will be having a meeting in the Wellness Centre to finalise our design for the upcoming Halloween event 'Escape the Room'. We will also be discussing some other future projects like the outreach school visits. Please come along. The more ideas we have for the Halloween event, the better!!

NeuroSoc General Meeting: Other » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 23rd October 2015

NeuroSoc are meeting to finalize arrangements for the haunted house event.

NeuroSoc Meeting: Other » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 27th October 2015

NeuroSoc are all meeting up to run through the Haunted House event one last time. The more people we have there, the more fun it will be so please come along and join our evil Halloween event preparation.

Neurosoc Haunted House Challenge: Escape the Room: Charity » The Wellness Centre, The Hub » 29th October 2015

Hey all!! NeuroSoc are holding a Halloween event (Escape the Room) from 5 onwards. It should be lots of fun!! We are also hoping to fundraise for a couple charities so feel free to donate if you can. Thanks! Come along and see if you can escape the room

Neuro-soc General Meeting: Other » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 11th November 2015

Quick meeting to discuss final events for the year and school visits complete plan

NeuroSoc Meeting: Other » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 11th November 2015

NeuroSoc are meeting up to talk about our outreach project where we are volunteering in schools around Galway city, showing them some neuroscience concepts.

Social Inclusion Week: Social » Aras na Mac Leinn » 12th November 2015

Neuro Soc are collaborating with Psych Soc for Social Inclusion Week where we will be demonstrating our EEG headsets and Corsi Block test. There fun... Come along if you can.

Secondary School Workshops: Seminar » Galway, Galway City, Secondary Schools » 16th November 2015

NeuroSoc are hosting workshops in secondary schools throughout Galway City. We aim to give students a fun insight into neuroscience.

Secondary School Workshops: Seminar » Galway, Galway City, Secondary Schools » 17th November 2015

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Secondary School Workshops: Seminar » Galway, Galway City, Secondary Schools » 18th November 2015

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Secondary School Workshops: Seminar » Galway, Galway City, Secondary Schools » 19th November 2015

NeuroSoc are hosting workshops in secondary schools throughout Galway City. We aim to give students a fun insight into neuroscience.

Galway Science and Technology Festival: Social » Aula Maxima » 22nd November 2015

NeuroSoc are taking part in the Galway Science and Technology Festival, in the Aula Maxima. We will be showing off our EEG machines along with some neuroscience trivia.

NeuroSoc General Meeting: Other » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 25th November 2015

Our final meeting of the semester to sort out all things before the exams start

Neurosoc EGM: Other » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 20th January 2016

Neurosoc will be having an EGM to add new members to the committee and to reorient the society for the second semester for central events (Seeing the Light" Perception Event) and to decide on other possible events.

NeuroSoc Meeting: Other » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 03rd February 2016

NeuroSoc are meeting up to discuss many things like our upcoming 'Seeing The Light' project and the careers talk that we are planning.

NeuroSoc's 'Seeing The Light' project sign up: Social » Smokies Table, Concourse » 11th February 2016

NeuroSoc are holding a table to advertise the 'Seeing The Light' project and to hopefully get more participants to enter the project.

NeuroSoc 'Seeing The Light' project sign up.: Social » Smokeys Table » 18th February 2016

NeuroSoc are holding a table to advertise the 'Seeing The Light' project and to hopefully get more participants to enter the project.

NeuroSoc General Meeting: Other » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 02nd March 2016

NeuroSoc are meeting up to discuss future events that we are planning.

Silent Disco in the ILAS: Social » ILAS Building, Foyer » 09th March 2016

We are holding a table with a bake sale, while there is a silent disco on in the ILAS.

NeuroSoc General Meeting: Other » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 09th March 2016

NeuroSoc are meeting up to discuss future events that we are planning.

Seeing The Light: Seminar » Aula Maxima » 15th March 2016

NeuroSoc are holding an event for their 'Seeing The Light' project done with Explore. Multiple people will be talking about different theories of perception.

NeuroSoc AGM: Other » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 14th April 2016

NeuroSoc are holding their AGM to hopefully get new people in be part of the committee for next college year. As a few people will be leaving college or going into their final year of college, there will be many opportunities for new members.

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Darren Kelly
Secretary: Casey Donaghey
Social Officer: Eoin Dervan
O.C.M.: Orlaith Mannion
O C M: Aoife Lynch

Treasurer: Sinead Healy
Outreach Officer: Laura Olsen
Vice-Auditor: Donna Kennedy
PRO: Aishling Heffernan
O C M: Aisling Ni Chnaimhsi

Committee 2016/2017

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Outreach Officer: Laura Olsen

Vice-Auditor: Donna Kennedy
Secretary: Casey Donaghey

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	228.14	Bank charge	€55.75
Sponsorship	€999.40	Dinner/Food	€114.49
USC Grant	€1,750.00	Equipment misc	€436.00
		Makeup/Props	€234.96
		Materials	€13.03
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€112.00
		Printing	€54.00
		Society transport	€161.60
		Stationary	€39.15
		Expenditure Total	€1,220.98
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,756.56
Total	€2,977.54	Total	€2,977.54

Mission Statement

Our mission is to support community and academic learning in relation to Neuroscience and the brain both within NUI Galway and the wider community. We hope to achieve this through large scale initiatives and workshops bringing academic and community groups together in addition to symposiums for both academics and laypeople on careers and new topics in neuroscience.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Our aims involve the spreading of interest in Neuroscience to the wider community and to support academics and prospective students of neuroscience. Our objectives to achieve these aims include improving upon our successful workshop model to visit

schools, financed through external funding from the Galway Science and Technology festival. To aid the Galway Neuroscience Centre in their endeavours through helping them organize events and attract students. To focus our efforts on larger projects and initiatives such as our Halloween Escape the Room and the Large Perception project to achieve greater impact.

Society Performance Reflection

Our society was brilliant this year. All of our members volunteered a lot of their time to help out in events around the college. We joined up with a lot of societies this year while also managing a few events on our own. I believe that our society has spread awareness of neuroscience throughout Galway city which is a huge aim of the society.

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

We achieved all of our aims, objectives and goals. We got to do workshops around the city, we got to include neuroscience in many of the college events which let us interact with a lot of people and to have fun.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was our project 'Seeing The Light', that we did along with Explore. We united many disciplines around the college in an exhibition where they show off their individual projects on perception. These included colour-blindness, eating disorders, poetry, racial barriers in film and how Galway's night sky changed over time. We aimed to educate and enlighten the visitors on different aspects of perception while being in an area where there is freedom of expression.

Greatest Challenge

I think the biggest challenge for our society was finding a time that suited everybody to meet up. With our members being students of different courses and some being in their final year, it was hard to find a time where we could all meet up at once. To overcome this we scheduled a time later on in the day when most lectures were over and also, the secretary wrote up the minutes of each meeting so that if anyone missed anything, they could easily look at the minutes online.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 10 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 10 committee members.

Neuro Society ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Donna Kennedy</u>	Vice Auditor	20 hours
<u>Jennifer Stratton</u>	Volunteer	2 hours
<u>Casey Donaghey</u>	Volunteer	17 hours
<u>Sinead Healy</u>	Treasurer	70 hours
<u>Rawan Elhelali</u>	Vice Auditor	20 hours
<u>Darren Kelly</u>	Auditor	121 hours
# ALIVE Students:	6 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	250 hours	

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 295 members. 10 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Occupational Therapy

Our society focused on forming rapport and raising awareness about Occupational Therapy as a profession this year. This included members within the society and also the Speech and Language Therapy society members. The main body of our society efforts were focused in Aras Moyola, as this is where the Health Sciences are based. We consider Occupational Therapy to be largely unheard of although many people within our community may benefit greatly from its uses.

Occupational Society Events list (3 Individual Events)

Occ Soc Meet N' Greet: Social » Upstairs in College Bar » 08th October 2015

The OT society would like to invite you to the college bar for our first event of the year :D There will be FREE finger food upstairs in the college bar, with the pool tables there for whoever wants to play ! Its our first social event so it'll be a great opportunity for all the years to get to know each other and find out what the OT society has in store for the rest of the year :) Really hope to see ye all there, looking forward to meeting ye :D

Occ Soc 'Surprise Excursion': Social » Surprise Location » 15th October 2015

Hi guys, After the successful Meet N Greet last Thursday, we have organised a surprise trip for Thursday, 15th of October. Plans are as follows : We'll be getting the bus (from the Cathedral) to a surprise location (???) where we will be greeted with finger food and karaoke!!! We'll then be heading to a nearby club for great big boogie!! We will be sending out an email with regards to ticket prices and times tomorrow!! Hope to see ye all on Thursday! Lots of love, Occ Soc xxx <3

Bake Sale: Other » Smokeys » 03rd March 2016

Committee 2015/2016

Secretary: Jane O'Sullivan

Auditor: Eimear Whelan

Treasurer: Jessica Duggan

Vice-Auditor: Kathleen Fitzgibbon

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Mairin Maher

Treasurer: Mary Greene

OMV: Emily Gallagher

Vice-Auditor: Raymond Moylan

Secretary: Martha Ni Fhlatharta

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,441.72	Bank charge	€17.40
Ticket Sales	€270.00	Hire Bus	€540.00
		Expenditure Total	€557.40
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,154.32
Total	€1,711.72	Total	€1,711.72

Mission Statement

Occupational Therapy as a career is about enabling people to reach their full potential. in the spirit of this our aim is to promote Occupational Therapy among the campus and to facilitate networking between studies for professional connections which will benefit us in the future.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

This year we aim to run social events to raise money for charity, promote the use of Occupational Therapy in everyday college life such as stress & anxiety coping skills, time management, money management and more efficient management of lifestyle in general.

Society Performance Reflection

Our society did well. Our initial objectives were a bit unrealistic for the size of our society and its provisional status, however we established ourselves within Aras Moyola and built a relationship with the Speech and Language therapy society.

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

Yes, we ran events which promoted Occupational Therapy as a profession

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was the rapport built within the society members during our events. This promoted relationships between students in different years of the course in the Occupational Therapy program here in NUIG.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge was our lack of experience and peer guidance I feel. Also as committee members is made primarily of 3rd years it was often not prioritised as we faced a challenging college year.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 2 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 1 committee members.

Occupational Therapy ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Jane O'Sullivan</u>	Committee Member	3 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	3 hours	

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 141 members. 1 committee members has completed the end of year survey.

Orchestra Soc

This year the Orchestra Society had two main concerts in the year, one for charity before Christmas and another concert April. In preparation for these concerts we had weekly practices on Tuesday evening under the conductor Hugh Kelly.

Prior to the Christmas concert we had an excursion to Letterfrack. This serves as a day of practice in Kylemore Abbey to perfect the concert and serves as an excellent social event for orchestra members to get better acquainted with one another. Our Charity Christmas concert took place on the first of December in aid of St Vincent de Paul. We performed with a Galway Adult string Orchestra and the choristers of St Nicholas Schola Cantorum and the Choir of St Mary's College.

During semester two we started to prepare for our Spring concert. To prepare we had our usual weekly practice along with a day away to Esker to practice in Esker monastery with our soloist Pádraig Sebestyén. He proceeded to visit on 3 more occasions prior to the concert to practice. While this took place talks were done through the Lorient twinning committee to create a partnership between the Nuig orchestra and the Phil'Art orchestra in Lorient. For our concert they sent over three players and two representatives of the committee. As the talks progressed there is mention of the Nuig orchestra visiting Lorient next year.

The aforementioned concert took place on the eleventh of April and saw the last performance of conductor Hugh Kelly with the Nuig Orchestra.

Orchestra Society Events list (19 Individual Events)

Rehearsal + Socialising: Social » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 06th October 2015

Rehearsals at 7pm until 8:30pm, followed by some refreshments and fun afterwards. All are welcome!

Rehearsal: Arts & Culture » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 13th October 2015

Weekly rehearsal

Weekly Practice: Training » Aula Maxima » 28th October 2015

Weekly orchestra practice for all members of the orchestra with socialising after. New members always welcome.

Weekly Rehearsal: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 17th November 2015

Weekly rehearsal preparing for our annual Christmas concert on Tuesday 1st December. We are currently working on music from Bizet's Carmen Suites. New members always welcome!

Weekly Rehearsal: Training » Aras ui Cathaill Lecture Theatre » 24th November 2015

Weekly rehearsal preparing for our annual Christmas concert on Tuesday 1st December. We are currently working on music from Bizet's Carmen Suites. New members always welcome!

Orchestra Society Christmas Charity Concert: Arts & Culture » St Mary's Road » 01st December 2015

Orchestra Society's annual Christmas Charity concert will take place in St. Mary's College, Galway. It will feature music from Bizet's Carmen Suites as well as a selection of Christmas carols performed with members of St Mary's choir. It promises to be a fun start to the festive season! Tickets available at the door

Weekly Rehearsal + Welcome Back Night: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 26th January 2016

Weekly rehearsal in The View from 7 to 8.30pm followed by finger food in The Sliding Rock for our Semester 2 Welcome Night. New members welcome!

Weekly Rehearsal: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 02nd February 2016

Weekly Rehearsals in The View from 7 to 8.30pm. New members always welcome!

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Esker Rehearsal Weekend: Training » Galway, Esker, Redemptionist Community Athenry » 06th March 2016

Annual rehearsal day in Esker followed by dinner for all the orchestra. Meeting at the Quadrangle at 12.45pm

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Weekly Rehearsal: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 29th March 2016
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Cork Concert: Arts & Culture » Cork, cork city, UCC » 09th April 2016
The Orchestra will be performing Elgar's Chanson de Matin, Cello concerto in E minor and Selections from Bizet's Carmen Suites. Aula Maxima UCC. 8pm. Tickets available at the door.

Annual Spring Concert: Arts & Culture » Galway, Salthill, Salthill Hotel » 11th April 2016
The Orchestra will be performing Elgar's Chanson de Matin, Cello concerto in E minor, performed by Péter Sebastyén and Selections from Bizet's Carmen Suites. We will be joined by members of the Phil'Art Conservatoire in Lorient. Salthill Hotel, Galway. 8pm/ Tickets available at the door and from Socs Box. Students €6.

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Committee 2015/2016

Vice-Auditor: Yvonne Kiely

Treasurer: Zachary Hickey

OCM: Michael Walsh

Librarian: Maria Regan

Secretary: Raymond Conlin

Auditor: Ellen Walsh

PRO: Aisling Moriarty

Librarian: Alison O'Brien

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Raymond Conlin

PRO: Aoife Lynott

Vice-Auditor: Ellen Walsh

Secretary: Maria Regan

Treasurer: Luke Sheridan

PRO: Claire McHugh

Vice-Auditor Semester 2: Aisling Moriarty

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,415.89	Bank charge	€65.28
Fundraising	€703.00	Dinner/Food	€50.00
Members Contributions	€476.50	Equipment misc	€284.20
Socs box Till	€6.00	Fundraising / Charity	€1,000.00
USC Grant	€3,500.00	Hall hire	€450.00
		Materials	€64.96
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€223.12
		Society accomm	€700.00
		Society transport	€262.50
		Stationary	€64.46
		Teacher fees	€2,930.00
		Expenditure Total	€6,094.52
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€6.87
Total	€6,101.39	Total	€6,101.39

Mission Statement

The aim of the Orchestra Society is to create a community where students with a shared interest in music and orchestral playing can enjoy membership of a music group regardless of past level of playing. To create a fun, sociable environment where members can enjoy themselves and continue to learn and play music throughout their time in NUIG.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- To rehearse and perform several significant works of music chosen at the start of the year
- To hold an annual charity concert at Christmas in conjunction with other music groups in Galway
- To travel away and perform in several other concerts in Ireland, and possibly further afield
- To enhance and increase the presence of the Arts on the college campus
- To inform our members of other musical opportunities in Galway county
- To provide a friendly and approachable group for musicians of NUIG to join

Society Performance Reflection

I feel on a whole the Orchestra did very well this year, accomplishing many of the goals it set out to do. We played significant works such as Bizet's Carmen Suite and Elgar's Cello Concerto in E, we raised €1,000 for charity, we had several functional yet social outings and created a link with a French orchestra, paving the way for a possible trip abroad to Lorient next year. All these things combined would suggest a very good year. This is not to suggest the year was flawless as during the second semester attendance became a little lacking and communication became muddled as a result. Finally the current conductor Hugh Kelly has decided to retire after 13 fantastic years with the orchestra. With the arrival of a new conductor, I see it as a chance for the orchestra to reinvent itself and suit the needs of the current members of the society

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

The Orchestra achieved many of its goals this year. Firstly we had a rehearsal every Tuesday evening during the academic timeframe rehearsing several difficult works such as George Bizet's Carmen Suite and Edward Elgar's Cello concerto. We held our annual Christmas concert in conjunction with Galway Adult string Orchestra, the choristers of St Nicholas Schola Cantorum and the Choir of St Mary's College. We raised €1,000 for Saint Vincent De Paul. We had several rehearsals outside of the city. Such as in Kylemore Abbey in Letterfrack and Esker Monastery and these were very important for members of the society getting to know each other and bonding as a team. There are talks underway with the Lorient Twinning Committee for the Orchestra to go abroad and perform in conjunction to the Phil' art de Bretagne Sud. We most certainly provided at least in my opinion provided a very open and friendly

Greatest Success

I would regard the greatest success of the orchestra from a societal viewpoint as raising €1,000 for Saint Vincent De Paul. Regarding the actual student interaction, I felt the trip to Letterfrack was a phenomenal way for people to get to know each other. From a technical standpoint performing the Elgar Cello Concerto was an immense accomplishment due to the severe difficulty of the piece. Finally regarding the future of the Orchestra the trip to Lorient should be instrumental in providing a platform and selling point for people to join next year.

Greatest Challenge

I feel the greatest challenge of the orchestra came about during the second semester when attendance at rehearsals decreased and varied from week to week. Our attendance rates decline in second semester every year and this is something that we hope to work on in the coming year. For the aforementioned reason of attendance communication in the orchestra became rather difficult, especially regarding availability for concerts.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 7 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 8 committee members.

Orchestra Soc ALIVE Certificates		
Sara Fuller	Orchestra Member	40 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	40 hours	

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 221 members. 8 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Organic Gardening Society

Organic gardening society was slow to start as weather and lack of daylight in the winter months made it difficult to have many plans.

Committee 2015/2016

Vice-Auditor: Ella Noonan

Treasurer: Ellen Kane

Secretary: Kelvin Murphy

Auditor: Jack Swain

Committee 2016/2017

Treasurer: Ellen Kane

Auditor: Kelvin Murphy

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	267.32	Bank charge	€30.00
		Expenditure Total	€30.00
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€237.32
Total	€267.32	Total	€267.32

Mission Statement

The purpose of Organic Gardening is to allow people to get an understanding of what it is like to grow ones own food and how to carry this out. Enabling individuals who may not have a garden at home to plant and take part in a community garden. Organic Gardening is about creating a community that shares food, interests, ideas and an appreciation for the earth and nature. The mission of Organic Gardening Society is to create a community within NUIG that enables all of these aspects.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

As a society we aim to increase awareness of the benefits of spending time in a garden(nature) and growing your own organic food. This year we hope to grow as a society and accumulate more active members. Raising awareness of food ethics and health are also important to us as a society. Becoming more environmentally, health and ethically aware as well as spending time in nature and with a community who share similar interests are the main goals of Organic Gardening society this year.

Society Performance Reflection

Fair. Slow to start due to weather and lack of daylight constraints, particularly in the winter months. Need to improve upon our organizational skills.

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

We increased awareness by promoting the society with flyers which were put up around the campus. We hoped this would encourage people to join the society and participate as active members.

Greatest Challenge

Irish weather made it difficult to undertake events in the garden.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 4 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 4 committee members.

Other Information

We held 2 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 210 members. 1 committee member has completed the end of year survey.

Palestine Solidarity Soc

The society had a relatively dormant year. We held a talk with a speaker from Palestine in September and this was followed by a film screening in October. In February and March we supported a Yes vote in the Students' Union direct provision referendum alongside The Sinn Fein Cumann, Amnesty Soc and the Social Democrats Soc.

Palestine Society Events list (3 Individual Events)

RIYA HASSAN on 10 years of the Palestinian BDS Movement Other » AC202, NUIG Concourse. » 21st September 2015

On Monday 21 September in AC202 on the NUI Galway Concourse at 7pm, Riya Hassan of the Palestinian BDS National Committee will give a talk hosted by the Palestine Solidarity Society and NUI Galway Students' Union on the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) campaign against Israeli occupation, colonialism and apartheid. The global movement for a campaign of boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel until it complies with international law and Palestinian rights was initiated by Palestinian civil society in 2005, and is coordinated internationally by the BDS National Committee (BNC). In 2014, NUI Galway Students' Union became the first Students' Union in Ireland to join the BDS campaign in a student referendum which passed by 64%. About the speaker: Riya Hassan is the Europe campaigns officer for the Palestine Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions National Committee (BNC), the largest coalition of Palestinian civil society organisations that works to lead and support the BDS movement internationally. Riya is a Palestinian activist raised in the southern village of Laquia in the Naqab desert. She holds a degree in International relations and an MSc Middle Eastern politics. The global movement for a campaign of Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) against Israel until it complies with international law and Palestinian rights was initiated by Palestinian civil society in 2005, and is coordinated by the Palestinian BDS National Committee (BNC), established in 2007. BDS is a strategy that allows people of conscience to play an effective role in the Palestinian struggle for justice. The global movement for a campaign of Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) against Israel until it complies with international law and Palestinian rights was initiated by Palestinian civil society in 2005, and is coordinated by the Palestinian BDS National Committee (BNC), established in 2007. BDS is a strategy that allows people of conscience to play an effective role in the Palestinian struggle for justice.

Palestine Solidarity Society AGM 2015/16: Other » Meeting Room 1, Aras na Mac Leinn » 24th September 2015

Our AGM will take place on Thursday 24 September at 7pm in Meeting Room 1, Aras na Mac Leinn. Here we will be discussing our plans for the year, and electing those interested onto our Committee. Please come along and get involved; those new to NUIG are especially welcome! Most of the current committee are nearing the end of our respective degrees, so new people on the committee are needed to keep the society active! The committee positions involved 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 anyone wants to be on the committee but doesn't want a defined role.

EGM & Film Screening: Social » Ac203 » 20th October 2015

On Tuesday 20th October, the NUIG Palestine Solidarity Society will be hosting its EGM along with a film screening in Room AC203 on the Concourse. We will begin at 6pm with the EGM, all committee positions are up for grabs as well as a couple of OCM places, so if you're up for getting involved in the society this year please come along. Then as soon as we're finished with

that we'll move onto a screening of Omar, an Oscar nominated & Cannes film festival award winning film from Palestine. There will also be free pizza available on the night. Bígí Linn! Film Trailer; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UuvO65EPWFo>

Committee 2015/2016

Secretary: Sean O'Callaghan

Auditor: Ciaran Maher

OCM: Andrew Shine

PRO: Brian Doherty

Vice-Auditor: Conor Linehan

Treasurer: Naoise O'Faolain

OCM: Gerard Madden

Committee 2016/2017

Vice-Auditor: Ciaran Maher

Secretary: Domhnall O'Dubhlainn

Auditor: Gerard Madden

Treasurer: Naoise O'Faolain

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	716.39	Bank charge	€25.84
USC Grant	€500.00	Dinner/Food	€50.00
		Reception	€29.98
		Speaker accomm	€84.00
		Expenditure Total	€189.82
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,026.57
Total	€1,216.39	Total	€1,216.39

Mission Statement

The NUIG Palestine Solidarity Society is dedicated to the right to self-determination and freedom of the Palestinian people. We regularly organise talks and hold film screenings to increase awareness of the suffering of the Palestinian people under Israeli's policies of occupation and colonialism.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

To work closely with the Students Union on the BDS (Boycott, Divestment & Sanctions) campaign.

To raise awareness about the Palestinian struggle on campus.

To liaise with groups around the country to strengthen support for the Palestinian cause nationally.

Society Performance Reflection

The society had a relatively quiet year compared to previous ones.

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

With the possible exception of raising awareness on campus through our film screening and public talk, we unfortunately did not.

Greatest Success

Working on the Direct provision referendum.

Greatest Challenge

Getting people involved in the society this year as many of us were in final year or doing Phd's and therefore unable to commit a huge amount of time to the society.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 4 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 7 committee members.

Palestine Solidarity Soc ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Ciaran Maher</u>	Auditor	50 hours
<u>Paul Kelly</u>	Volunteer	50 hours
# ALIVE Students:	2 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	100 hours	

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 157 members. 2 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Photography Soc

Big emphasis on building a strong committee from the start of the year. We were very bare last year and just about hung in there. The incoming committee now have some experience and I expect good things next year. We also built up some great equipment between the capital allowance, the studio lighting, and some explore funding so thanks for helping us in that regard.

Photography Society Events list (19 Individual Events)

Firewool Long Exposure Photography with Pizza and hot chocolate: Arts & Culture » The White Pedestrian Bridge Behind College Bar » 07th October 2015

Long exposure photography with Firewool. Come along for Photo Socs first event. It's going to be a good one. You should wear long sleeves/trousers if you want to spin the wool. No spinning the wool without safety goggles (provided). You'll need a tripod but don't worry because the society has some that we can share around. You can also put your camera on the ground and use a small bag of rice to point the lens up. Ground level shots get very good results but wear clothes you'll be happy to lie on the ground with. It's forecast very nice this week but wear warm clothes because you'll be standing around outside. Hope to see you there!

Lightpainting/low light photography: Seminar » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 20th October 2015

Tom Flanagan from the Digital Photography School Galway is going to teach us how to paint with light. Light painting involves handheld lights to selectively illuminate or color parts of the subject, using low shutter speeds. Meeting in Áras na mac Léinn - Large Acoustic room - Tuesday 20 October 2015 at 21.00. We will go out if it's a fine day, so wear warm clothes. Bring tripods if

you have them, camera with charged batteries and torches, sparklers or whatever light source you want to experiment with. A contribution of 3€ will be asked to attend the workshop.

Beginner Photography Classes: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 09th November 2015

We're giving free beginner photography classes this coming Monday (9th November) in the View, upstairs in Arus Mac Leinn around lunch time. You must register here as places are limited. We need to run this during daytime hours so that we have good light. If you're experienced with manual mode and are happy to assist in teaching these classes you can also visit the above registration link. We'll be hoping to get you up to speed with manual mode and will cover the following: 1. Using the camera's autofocus 2. Adjusting ISO 3. Adjusting shutter speed 4. Adjusting aperture

Photo Soc Trip to Connemara National Park & Kylemore Abbey: Social » Galway, Letterfrack, Connemara National Park » 21st November 2015

We're organising a trip to Connemara National Park (hopefully climbing Diamond Hill) and Kylemore Abbey on Saturday the 21st November. Leaving from the Quad at 10am returning 6pm. Spaces are limited and tickets will be available from the Socs Box from approximately Thursday 12th Nov. Only 10 beans too. Cheap as chips....expensive chips. Note that we won't have time to go inside the abbey. Rather we'll spend a little time photographing it from across the lake.

Photo Soc EGM with free Pizza: Other » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 23rd November 2015

We're going to munch free pizza and elect a couple of outstanding committee positions. We'll take suggestions for events and workshops for next semester.

Portraiture Workshop: Training » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 02nd December 2015

Photo Soc and Style Soc are running a Portraiture Photography workshop with Tom Flanagan of Digital Photography School Galway on 2nd December from 2-4pm in the Space, upstairs Arus Mac Leinn. All are welcome and it's completely free. Register here.

Introduction to Photography Workshop: Training » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 27th January 2016

Open Call for Photo Submissions (#LittleThings): Arts & Culture » Aras na Mac Leinn » 15th February 2016

Feb 29th to Mar 4th is Mental Health Week. PhotoSoc supports the #LittleThings campaign with an outdoors photographic exhibition. Submissions are open to all NUI students and staff - the only requirement is to match one of these themes. The best pictures will be printed and displayed outside Aras na mac Leinn. Mental health awareness is an increasing, although often underestimated, issue. With this initiative, we hope to raise awareness and make a powerful statement in our campus. Please give your contribution and send your images that best suit the themes – or take your camera and start shooting now!

Open Call for Photo Submissions (#LittleThings): Arts & Culture » Aras na Mac Leinn » 22nd February 2016

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Photo Soc Darkroom Workshop: Training » Darkroom » 23rd February 2016

Open Call for Photo Submissions (#LittleThings): Arts & Culture » Aras na Mac Leinn » 29th February 2016

Feb 29th to Mar 4th is Mental Health Week. PhotoSoc supports the #LittleThings campaign with an outdoors photographic exhibition. Submissions are open to all NUI students and staff - the only requirement is to match one of these themes. Just email your entries to: photosoc@socs.nuigalway.ie The best pictures will be printed and displayed outside Aras na mac Leinn! Mental health awareness is an increasing, although often underestimated, issue. With this initiative, we hope to raise awareness and make

a powerful statement in our campus. Please give your contribution and send your images that best suit the themes – or take your camera and start shooting now!

Darkroom Workshop: Training » Darkroom » 01st March 2016

Little Things Photo Exhibition: Arts & Culture » Aras na Mac Leinn » 04th March 2016

Photo Soc' Trip to Prague: Social » Czech Republic, Prague, Alpacay » 05th March 2016

Darkroom Opening: Training » Darkroom » 06th March 2016

Gavin and Kityee will be opening the darkroom on Sunday to train three other newbies in some black and white development.

Developing Black and White Negatives in the Darkroom: Training » Darkroom » 07th April 2016

PhotoSoc AGM with Prizes for Best Photos: Other » Aras Na Mac Leinn Meeting Room 1 » 09th April 2016

The years coming to a close and we hope you all learned something. If you didn't and you think the committee are a bunch of jailhouse turkeys then come to this AGM and get involved on the committee for next year. We need some fresh blood/brains. The positions we need to choose include (auditor, vice-auditor, treasurer, secretary, equipment officer, social media manager, webmaster). No prior experience required. The AGM will be in 'Meeting Room 1', upstairs in Arus Na Mac Leinn at 7.00pm, Saturday the 9th April. We'll arrange for some food and possibly an alcoholic beverage or two (we'll need to check if we're allowed with the powers that be). We're also going to give out prizes for the best photos from the year. We've got prizes to giveaway including a flash, 2 gorilla pods and a 5 in 1 reflector. To enter post your image to our Facebook group. It must have been taken during the 2015/16 academic year and you need to be present at the AGM to claim your prize. We'll probably go somewhere as one big happy family afterwards.

Food Photography Workshop: Training » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 13th April 2016

Committee 2015/2016

Vice-Auditor: Patrizio Mancuso

Darkroom Officer: Ana Levisky

Social Media Manager: Orla Kemple

Darkroom Officer: Kityee Cheung

Equipment Officer: Bjorn Carlsson

Treasurer: Michael Gibbons

Auditor: Gavin Donohue

Secretary: Mollie-Kate Farrelly

Committee 2016/2017

Vice-Auditor: Patrizio Mancuso

Equipment Officer: Timothee Cognard

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	916.39	Bank charge	€79.52
Classes	€225.00	Dinner/Food	€258.68
Muscailt	€300.00	Entertainment	€11.40
Socs box Till	€1,900.00	Equipment misc	€5,002.58

USC Grant	€9,500.00	Materials	€447.90
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€160.00
		Printing	€166.25
		Prizes	€98.00
		Society transport	€2,884.45
		Teacher fees	€300.00
		Expenditure Total	€9,408.78
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€3,432.61
Total	€12,841.39	Total	€12,841.39

Mission Statement

We hope to teach a broad range of photography to our members throughout the year and share existing knowledge and skill within the society with more junior members. We want to give our members the opportunity to gain experience in a range of photography types such as event photography, food photography, sport photography etc. We believe that the various clubs and societies can provide our members with the opportunities to do so.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We hope to train our most junior members through workshops and skill sharing events such as photo walks and photo shoots.

We hope to advance our intermediate and advanced members skills through guest speakers and workshops.

We hope to reopen the darkroom and run regular darkroom evenings.

We hope to organise a trip within Ireland and another within Europe.

We want to redesign and update our website.

Society Performance Reflection

Much improved on last and previous years. More workshops, more equipment, more events, a successful trip to Prague.

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

We trained junior members. We had some more advanced/intermediate workshops. The darkroom saw regular use and training of new members. We organised a trip to Prague. Our website is nearing completion.

Greatest Success

Securing high end lighting equipment which our members would not normally have access to so thank you Riona for making this possible.

Greatest Challenge

Finding the time to organise everything.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 13 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 8 committee members.

Photography Soc ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Michael Gibbons</u>	Treasurer	30 hours
<u>Orla Kemple</u>	Social Media Manager	60 hours
# ALIVE Students:	2 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	90 hours	

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 782 members. 8 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Physics Soc

Physics society has had a very eventful year. We have held events almost every week and also organized the Science Ball. Physics society is a great way to meet new people and enjoy events, some social and some academic. The Science ball was a big success this year, as it is every year, and all students had a wonderful time. Our annual foreign trip brought us to Budapest over the Christmas holidays.

There was a big emphasis on charity fundraising in the Physics society this year. By selling raffle tickets at the Ball we managed to raise 622 euros for Croi. Through a bakes sale and our annual charity quiz we also raised 1200 euros for Barretstown and also raised a lot of awareness for them. It was a fun filled year and we hope that next year will be just as good if not better.

Physics Society Events list (36 Individual Events)

Physics Soc AGM: Other » RM220 » 22nd September 2015

The Annual General Meeting of the Physics soc to elect the 2015/2016 committee. Refreshments (pizza) afterwards

Bowling Night: Social » RM220 » 29th September 2015

Want to understand the physics behind bowling? Want to understand how ball spin and ball velocity can be used to improve your game? Neither do we but all the same Physics Soc is going bowling Tuesday night and all are welcome, leaving from rm220 at 7:15 so come along and bring your friends!! Refreshments provided as always! Maybe a few spot prizes who knows.

Movie Night: Social » RM220 » 06th October 2015

This week event we are having a movie night, but this movie night involves going to the IMC Cinema □□□□ We have decide to go to see "The Martian" This is the biggest film of the year and has many connects to physics (C'mon its Mars) Film info is here in case no one has seen the previews: <http://www.imccinemas.ie/movie.asp?filmid=2799>

EGM: Other » RM220 » 13th October 2015

EGM in regards to the changes proposed to the Physics Society's constitution

Science Ball Meeting: Social » Room 220 » 20th October 2015

Meeting to discuss the details of the upcoming Science Ball.

Documentary night: Other » RM220 » 20th October 2015

This week we are going a bit more educational (still fun though) and watch and interesting but easy to follow documentary. We're going to show "The Race to Absolute Zero", A documentary about competing scientists to reach absolute zero and the betrayal

and bickering behind the scenes to find it. We'll be watching it Tuesday night, in RM220 at 7:00 so come along and bring your friends!! Refreshments provided as always!

Science Ball Meeting: Social » Room220 » 27th October 2015

Meeting to discuss the details of the upcoming Science Ball.

Guest Speaker: Social » RM220 » 27th October 2015

This week, we have an our very own Aonghus Mullins (Soon to be Dr Mullins) giving a speech based on his thesis, "Star formation in extreme Environments". The talk will be starting at 7:00 in RM220 so come along and bring your friends!!

Science Ball Meeting: Social » Room220 » 03rd November 2015

Meeting to discuss the details of the upcoming Science Ball.

Weekly meeting: Social » RM220 » 03rd November 2015

Science Ball Launch Party 2015: Social » College Bar, Back room » 04th November 2015

Physic Society presents the NUIG Science Ball Launch Party at the College Bar [Back Room] on Wednesday 4th of November at 7:30 pm. All students and staff of NUIG are welcome to attend our Launch Party as we begin the countdown to the Science Ball 2015. Take a well deserved midweek break from the books and come along to meet our committee, catch up with friends and maybe make some new friends before the Ball. All whilst enjoying some complimentary refreshments of course! See full details on our Physics Society Facebook page.

Science Ball Meeting: Social » Room 220 » 10th November 2015

Meeting to discuss the details of the upcoming Science Ball.

Big Bang night: Social » RM220 » 10th November 2015

It's science week 2015 :-D and what other way to celebrate (bar going to our fantastic ball next week) than to watch a beloved Big Bang theory episode. We'll kick off at 7pm in RM220 and refreshments served :-)

Science Ball Meeting: Social » Room 220 » 17th November 2015

Meeting to discuss the details of the upcoming Science Ball.

Science Ball 2015: Other » Galway, Galway City, The Galway Bay Hotel » 18th November 2015

NUIG Physics Society are proud to announce NUIG's annual Science Ball 2015!!!! To be held in the Galway Bay hotel on Wednesday the 18th of November. Full tickets - €55 including drinks reception, sweets table, chocolate fountain, 3 course meal and afters. Starting at 7pm with meal at 7:30. Afters tickets - €25 with buses running from the quadrangle from 9:45 with the afters kicking off from 10:30 Afters will feature a set from the amazing Lunar Playground and DJ Grahm Doherty (Electric's resident DJ) takes us through the rest of the night. Plenty of surprises on the night. Probably the best NUIG Science Ball you will go to all year!!!

Science Ball 2015 After Party: Social » Galway, Galway City, 4/4 Nightclub » 19th November 2015

The after party of the Science Ball 2015. Free entrance with card before 11pm. Christmas day celebrations also so wear your festive jumpers :D

Weekly meeting: Social » RM220 » 24th November 2015

Weekly meeting: Social » RM220 » 01st December 2015

Weekly meeting: Social » RM220 » 08th December 2015

Weekly meeting: Social » RM220 » 15th December 2015

Weekly meeting: Social » RM220 » 22nd December 2015

Weekly meeting: Social » RM220 » 29th December 2015

Weekly meeting: Social » RM220 » 05th January 2016

Weekly meeting: Social » RM220 » 12th January 2016

Bowling Night: Social » RM220 » 19th January 2016

Welcome back to our dear members. This week we are having a fun bowling night, after all there is physics involved in getting the perfect strike ;) We will be meeting in Rm220 (For new members this is the classroom across from the bathrooms in the physics dep (green) on concourse). Bowling will be free for the first 24 people there on the night. Like always, bring a friend.

Mystery movie night: Social » RM220 » 26th January 2016

So this week we will be having a movie night, catch is it will not be revealed until the night itself. We will give a hint or two away.... it's not black and white, it's won plenty of awards and of course it's one that's been released in the last 10 years :) We'll be watching it in rm220 (classroom in the physics dep (green section) off concourse). Free refreshments on the night like always and more the merrier :)

Optical design for smartphone cameras: Social » RM220 » 02nd February 2016

Our very own PhD student Niamh Fitzgerald (and former Auditor of Physics soc) will give a talk on her research project that is "Optical design for smartphone cameras". Like always, free refreshments and more the merrier :)

Budapest Reunion: Social » TBC » 09th February 2016

A reunion for all 24 students that went to Budapest

Laser Tag: Social » Galway, Galway City, Planet Entertainment Centre » 16th February 2016

This week we are exploring the world of optics.... In the best way possible, Laser Tag :D Who shall win, Blue Team or Red Team? Meeting in Rm220 at 7pm and walking over together to Planet Entertainment (Headford rd) Promises to be a fun night

Guest Speaker: Andy Shearer: Social » RM220 » 23rd February 2016

Guest speaker Andy Shearer will be talking to us on "Neutron stars - the strongest magnets in the universe? Or for stars there is life after death." There will be some free refreshments on the night and we hope to see you all there! :)

Laser Tag: Social » RM220 » 01st March 2016

This week with the Physics soc we'll be playing Laser Tag!! Meeting in RM220 at 6:55 PM we'll walk over to the planet as a group. Hope to see you there :)

Bake Sale: Charity » Smokeys » 07th March 2016

We will be having a bake sale this afternoon in Smokey's from 1-4. There will be plenty of goodies and it is all in aid of Barretstown! Hope to see you there :)

Guest Speaker Eoin O'Connor: Other » RM220 » 08th March 2016

Eoin O'Connor will be giving a talk on "Experimental Physics: A PhD Student's Perspective". Commences at 7pm in Rm220 (classroom in green dep off concourse) Refreshments on the night and more the merrier :)

Annual Quiz Night: Charity » College bar » 09th March 2016

Physics Society will be having our annual charity Quiz this evening in the college bar. It starts at 7 pm and is sure to be a fun filled night! This year our nominated charity is Barretstown. Barretstown offers free, medically endorsed camps and programmes that are designed for children and their families living with cancer and serious illness. There will be plenty of prizes on the night so hope to see you then and best of luck :)

Games Night: Social » RM220 » 15th March 2016

Tonight we are having a bit of fun before the holidays with games night. We will have a range of games on the night. Will take place in our usual hide-out of rm220 in the physics dep. at 7pm. We will have refreshments on the night also

Our Annual General Meeting to elect the more senior position of the committee. Will take place in RM220 at 7pm

Committee 2015/2016

Vice Secretary: Patrick O'Shaughnessy

Auditor: Jason Tourish

Treasurer: Catherine Foy

2nd Year OCM: Orla Carty

1st Year OCM: Aoife Clarke

PRO: Damien Sneyd

Vice-Auditor: Aislinn Keane

1st Year OCM: Gertruda Ceburnyte

Safety Officer: Lisa Faherty

Secretary: Emma O'Brien

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Gertruda Ceburnyte

Vice-Auditor: Orla Carty

Vice Secretary: Patrick O'Shaughnessy

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	5,515.54	Ball	€19,926.54
Balls	€56.20	Bank charge	€118.00
Fundraising	€1,632.56	Dinner/Food	€450.00
Members Contributions	€25.00	Entertainment	€320.00
Socs box Till	€4,835.00	Entry fees	€375.70
Sponsorship	€2,500.00	Fundraising / Charity	€1,883.24
Ticket Sales	€19,613.62	Gifts	€97.93
USC Grant	€2,000.00	Hoodies	€116.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€228.30
		Prizes	€3.00
		Returned Socs Money	€1,289.82
		Society accomm	€835.00
		Society transport	€3,872.52
		Socs day expenses	€37.77
		Speaker accomm	€228.00
		Speaker travel	€20.00
		Stationary	€43.90
		Expenditure Total	€29,845.72
		Closing Bank Balance	€6,332.20
Total	€36,177.92	Total	€36,177.92

Mission Statement

I once heard a little birdy that said that the Physics Society was actually fun. That they go bowling, play laser tag, watch films along, organise a fantastic Ball and even a foreign trip with the usual educational bits. I have been told that everybody is welcome to come along but I don't see how their mix of members across Science, Arts and Engineering as proof of that at all. I certainly will not be attending and will not be availing of complimentary Pizza and refreshments...

This is actually all true (pause for reaction) we are actually cool and do fun stuff. So people don't hesitate and come visit us in RM220 on Tuesday nights at 7pm to get more of an insight :)

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Our aim is to provide a fun, relaxed educational environment that promotes physics. We want to host the science ball, go on a foreign trip and host at least 10 other events this year.

Society Performance Reflection

Our society was very successful this year. We organised a large event, the Science Ball, and also held an event almost every week. We organized a foreign trip for our physics society members to Budapest where we spent three days. We also had a strong emphasis on charity fundraising this year. By selling raffle tickets at the Science Ball we raised 622 euro for Croi. Through a bake sale and our annual charity quiz we raised €1200 for Barretstown.

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

Yes we achieved many of our aims and objectives. We had an event almost every week. Some which promoted physics, others just for a bit of fun, but all to bring people together socially. We organized the Science Ball and went on a foreign trip to Budapest.

Greatest Success

I would say that our greatest success was the amount of money we raised for charity this year. Between a charity work we raised nearly €2000.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge was communication. Communicating what was done and what was needed to be done for both big and small events. Unfortunately this took us a few months to get right but with some help from Riona, we resolved internal issues and finished the year off with a excellent committee, who are functioning fantastically as a team and still running great events. We hope we can pass on some of our new 'expertise' to the incoming committee following our AGM in April. Given the success and enjoyment of our participation, all our junior committee members wish to stay on and challenge themselves with new roles. Developing our communication and interpersonal skills has made this possible.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 15 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 10 committee members.

Physics Soc ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Catherine Foy</u>	Treasurer	400 hours
<u>Aislinn Keane</u>	Vice-Auditor	120 hours
<u>Jason Tourish</u>	Safety Officer/Trip Coordinator	210 hours
<u>Orla Carty</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	120 hours
<u>Gertruda Ceburnyte</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	215 hours

<u>Emma O'Brien</u>	Secretary	150 hours
<u>Patrick O'Shaughnessy</u>	Vice Secretary	110 hours
<u>Aoife Clarke</u>	Fundraiser, Volunteer	120 hours
<u>Lisa Faherty</u>	OCM / Safety Officer	100 hours
<u>Damien Sneyd</u>	Public Relations Officer	165 hours
# ALIVE Students:	10 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	1710 hours	

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 774 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Poker

The NUI Galway poker society held low-value buy-in, Texas Hold em' tournaments once a week in the Bailey Allen. (Mondays at 7pm). Communication was primarily done through an e-mail list and our Facebook page- NUIG Poker Society. After taking 10-15 minutes to set-up the room with tables and chairs, the tournament would usually commence at around 7.30 ish. Our turn out at the start of the year was great. In the first weeks of S1 we got 30-40 players In S2 the numbers got to ~20 players per week (people who developed their skills for the game). In S2, we had the NUIM poker intervarsities (on Mar 19th). In January, we hosted an AGM, electing new members Nathan as secretary, Sean as Auditor and current member Ryan will act as Treasurer next year. We also had a night out at the beginning of S2, our annual party. Students were well behaved. At no time during games were there ever disagreements or arguments (a good result for any society!).

Events

We held weekly poker tournaments every Tuesday from October to March in the View. (20 sessions) (not posted to the calendar)

Committee 2015/2016

Treasurer: James Scarry

Vice-Auditor: Cormac Finucane

Gambling Awareness Officer: Ronan Devenish

Auditor: Ryan Ashe

Secretary: William Carry

Committee 2016/2017

Treasurer: Ryan Ashe

Secretary: Nathan McSharry

Auditor: Sean Reddan

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€8.24	Bank charge	€56.33
Members Contributions	€105.00	Dinner/Food	€159.00
Socs box Till	€3,030.00	Entry fees	€337.50
Socs Till lodgement	€56.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€37.00
USC Grant	€1,500.00	Prizes	€3,220.50
Total	€4,699.24	Reception	€56.00
		Society transport	€50.00
		Socs Box Till Refund	€10.00
		Expenditure Total	€3,926.33
		Closing Bank Balance	€772.91
		Total	€4,699.24

Mission Statement

The aims of Poker Soc is to grow the game of poker in NUIG, developing quantitative skills and strategic knowledge among students. We want to provide the most positive tournament experience for our students and to develop a sociable setting where people with similar interests may meet. We look to represent NUIG in poker championships and succeed on a national and international stage. We also want to keep things fun!

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Increase our player base.
Improve player satisfaction.
Provide new fun formats.
Play in the National and International Intervarsity's.
Organise one or more non poker social events in the coming year.

Society Performance Reflection

Overall there were no problems with anything. Players seemed to have a good time each week during the tournaments. There was a good sociable aspect to the weekly games. Tournaments were well run with a good format, finishing up at a reasonable time, usually around 11pm.

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

Our player base increased a lot since last year. We were up to 40 players at the start of the year, a big improvement. The number dropped a bit in S2, even after a socs day on the 13th of Jan. This was to be expected though. New formats were provided. On random weeks, we would change the format of the tournament from re-buy to bounty tournaments (different types of tournaments in Texas Hold em'). Players seemed to enjoy this. The intervarsities were played on the March bank holiday weekend. It was hosted by NUI Maynooth. Finally, we did organise a night out at the beginning of S2. It was a very sociable evening, not focused very much on poker itself.

Greatest Success

The turnout was higher than last year. This was a good goal to achieve. We recruited many new players at each of the semesters socs day.

Greatest Challenge

Sometimes organising the weekly games was a challenge. If a lot of players showed up, it was difficult to delegate playing chips and seating arrangements (logistics of the game). Members would have to spend more time setting up the playing room as players showed up in large groups at different times during the tournament.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 5 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 0 committee members.

Other Information

We held 2 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 335 members. 1 committee members has completed the end of year survey

This year PotterSoc set goals towards bringing everyone who loves Harry Potter together to celebrate the wonders of the wizarding world. We did this through the events we held this year. We had events such as a sorting ceremony, talks, tea party as well as watching the movies, as well our convention Potterfest brought in both students and the public.

PotterFest was a two 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 a 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 with our posters weekly for our events as well as for Potterfest. Our weekly emails informed members of our events, as well as this we worked on increasing the members on our Facebook group and we hit 2000 likes on our Potterfest. We also updated our PotterFest accounts on tumblr and twitter ran an advertising campaign during the elections for PotterFest.

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Mairead Clancy

Secretary: Christopher Dunne

Con Director: Ellie Parfrey Taylor

OCM: Cheyenne Dunne

PRO: Rebecca Davitt

Events coordinator: Isabella de Luca

Treasurer: Calvin Neary

OCM: Vanessa Kemmer

OCM: Julio Sanchis Arderius

Vice-Auditor: Simon Bourke-Murphy

Committee 2016/2017

Vice-Auditor: Christopher Dunne

Treasurer: Vanessa Kemmer

Organisation Balance Sheet - PotterSoc

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,432.77	Ball	€64.56
Fundraising	€1,671.80	Bank charge	€85.23
Members Contributions	€1,222.30	Costumes	€68.88
Refund of Expenses	€450.00	Dinner/Food	€351.68
Socs box Till	€215.00	Entertainment	€12.95
Sponsorship	€400.00	Equipment misc	€195.00
Ticket Sales	€700.00	Makeup/Props	€472.79
USC Grant	€2,000.00	Materials	€470.26
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€78.50
		Printing	€32.92
		Prizes	€50.39
		Promotions	€103.85
		Received Money Returned	€1,315.00
		Security	€92.25
		Services Hired	€977.73

		Society accomm	€252.00
		Society transport	€473.90
		Socs Box Till Sales	€105.00
		Speaker travel	€1,026.45
		Stationary	€43.25
		Expenditure Total	€6,272.59
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,819.28
Total	€8,091.87	Total	€8,091.87

PotterFest

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	2,624.27	Ball	€675.00
Ecommerce Sales	€10,790.00	Bank charge	€83.19
Fundraising	€90.67	Costumes	€270.00
Members Contributions	€1,315.00	Dinner/Food	€455.97
Socs box Till	€1,095.00	Entertainment	€10.94
Socs Till lodgement	€105.00	Equipment misc	€1,077.94
Ticket Sales	€5,810.00	Fundraising / Charity	€500.00
		Livestock	€100.00
		Makeup/Props	€100.00
		Materials	€231.94
		Online Sales Mass Refund	€474.00
		Performing rights	€2,006.93
		Postage	€64.11
		Printing	€493.38

		Prizes	€225.57
		Promotions	€21.72
		Returned Socs Money	€60.00
		Security	€676.50
		Services Hired	€1,210.35
		Society transport	€60.63
		Socs Box Till Refund	€25.00
		Socs Box Transfer Sales	€450.00
		Speaker accomm	€1,066.44
		Speaker travel	€2,587.54
		Stationary	€80.05
		Expenditure Total	€13,007.20
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€8,822.74
Total	€21,829.94	Total	€21,829.94

Mission Statement

To provide a space for Harry Potter fans to come together and to appreciate the work of JK Rowling and to run fun and exciting events based around our love for Harry Potter.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- We would like to run successful events and get more people attending our weekly events
- We would like to improve Potter Soc's visibility on campus
- We would like to run a successful PotterFest and a successful publicity campaign for PotterFest.

Society Performance Reflection

We did great as we met our goals and our convention was even more successful than previous years.

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

We achieved all of our aims.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was Potterfest as it did extremely well.

Greatest Challenge

Getting everyone involved and communicating effectively in the society, which was achieved as the months went on.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 10 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 6 committee members.

Potter Soc ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Sinead Ni Bhearra</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	30 hours
<u>Calvin Neary</u>	Treasurer	400 hours
<u>Brendan McNelis</u>	PotterFest Volunteer	2 hours
<u>Princess Okonkwo</u>	Potterfest Volunteer	33 hours
<u>Ellie Parfrey Taylor</u>	Convention Director	500 hours
<u>Rebecca Davitt</u>	Public Relations Officer	400 hours
<u>Joss Myers</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Vanessa Kemmer</u>	Safety Manager	120 hours
<u>Cheyenne Dunne</u>	Committee Member, Volunteer at Potterfest	120 hours
<u>Christopher Collins</u>	Potterfest Volunteer	15 hours
<u>Mairead Clancy</u>	Auditor	850 hours
<u>Pearce Clancy</u>	Panelist, Volunteer	15 hours
<u>Aine Kilbane</u>	Volunteer	15 hours
<u>Aisling Miller</u>	Volunteer	60 hours
<u>Ruth Sweeney</u>	Volunteer, Panelist	10 hours
<u>Cathal Sherlock</u>	Volunteer, Workshop Teacher	8 hours
<u>Martina Moloney</u>	PotterFest Volunteer	15 hours
<u>Simon Bourke-Murphy</u>	Vice-Auditor, Volunteer Manager	101 hours
# ALIVE Students:	18 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	2704 hours	

Other Information

We held 18 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 866 members. 9 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Presidents Award (Gaisce) Soc

This year the gaisce society in NUIG organised a few information nights on what gaisce is and how to get involved. We had a signup day in smokeys and tried to get members to sign up, we also had a table on socs day in January. We had some success in organising a new facebook page as opposed to the group that was in place before, this made it easier for people who were not members to view what was happening and ask questions. Although we had some success overall we felt that there were not enough support for the society in the college and we will not be proceeding with the society next semester although we will still be running the facebook page.

Events

We had one meeting in the wellness centre.

Committee 2015/2016

Vice-Auditor: Nathan Mannion

PRO: Anna Connaughton

Treasurer: Shane O'Rourke

Auditor: Daragh Sweeney

Christinna: Christina Quinn

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Daragh Sweeney

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	339.76	Bank charge	€23.75
USC Grant	€600.00	Dinner/Food	€40.00
		Promotions	€9.96
		Expenditure Total	€73.71
		Closing Bank Balance	€866.05
Total	€939.76	Total	€939.76

Mission Statement

The Gaisce society aims to promote the President's Award and provide support to all students to complete their four challenge areas. Gaisce offers young people the opportunity to:

- Improve personal skills
- Participate in physical recreation
- Play an active role in the community
- Plan and undertake an adventure journey

We hope to encourage, unite and help NUIG students participating in Gaisce, so that they can complete their awards and meet the NUIG alumnus, Michael D. Higgins!

Aims, Objectives & Goals

This year the Gaisce society aims to:

- Recruit new members and establish a committee

- Have a number of information sessions and raise awareness of Gaisce on campus
- Hold a film screening of 'The Way' for any students interested in walking the Camino as their adventure journey
- Organise a trip during the year

Society Performance Reflection

We organised a few information nights and promoted gaisce in the college, but overall we didn't feel like there was enough interest.

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

We recruited a few members and had a committee we also were able to raise awareness for Gaisce. however we did not hold the film screening of 'the way' and were unable to organise a trip as only one member showed any interest in going on one.

Greatest Success

setting up the facebook page

Greatest Challenge

Interest in the college for people to continue the gaisce program

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 4 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 0 committee members.

Presidents Award (Gaisce) Soc ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Daragh Sweeney</u>	Auditor	40 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	40 hours	

Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 109 members. We have yet to complete the end of year survey.

Now in our second year, the Psychiatry Society of NUI, Galway continues to move from strength to strength as we build on the foundations built last year in destigmatising and raising awareness of good mental health among our students, in our campus and in the local area. This year was a little more disorganised than the last due to four of our members being abroad on Erasmus for the second semester, however despite this we still managed to organise two of our most successful events after Christmas, due to a fantastic display of teamwork from the whole committee.

Psychiatry Society Events list (5 Individual Events)

It's Kind of a Funny Story - Psychiatry Soc Movie Night: Social » AM250 (Ó hEocha) » 22nd September 2015

For our first event of the year we will be showcasing the critically acclaimed film 'It's Kind of a Funny Story', a comedy-drama starring Keir Gilchrist, Zach Galifianakis and Emma Roberts. This movie is an accessible take on how overwhelming life and expectations can be when you're in high school. FREE PIZZA will be provided of course! Starting at 7pm in AM250 Lecture theatre. Questions and answers at the end along with discussion of what NUIG Psychiatry Society plans to do for the year. Hope to see you there! :)

Table Quiz in aid of Jigsaw: Charity » College Bar, Back room » 24th November 2015

Tuesday November 24th! College Bar! 8pm!NUIG psychiatry soc will be hosting a table quiz in aid of Jigsaw, who provide free of charge mental health services for young people across the country. Teams of 4 at 20 euro a team (fiver each) and we promise lots of fun prizes on the night Hope to see you all there Jigsaw is a free, non-judgemental and confidential support service for young people (15-25) living in Galway city and county. They provide guidance and support for young people who are going through a difficult or distressing time. They also provide advice and guidance for anyone is concerned about a young person in their life or work.<https://www.headstrong.ie/jigsaw/jigsaw-centres-across-ireland/galway/>

From Yale to the Claddagh: Seminar » Darcy Thompson Theatre, Arts & Science Concourse » 08th March 2016

Psychiatry Society is delighted to present an evening with Professor Harvey Wasserman, a former Professor of Psychiatry at the Yale University College of Medicine and a director of education and training at one of Yale's teaching hospitals. With over 50 years of experience in the private practice of psychiatry, he will be joining us to speak on his life at Yale and as a clinical psychotherapist, intriguing cases he has encountered and where he believes psychiatry will go in the future. Questions will be welcomed at the end of the evening.

MedFest 2016- Framing Trauma: Seminar » Large Lecture Theatre, Clinical Sciences Institute » 22nd March 2016

Psychiatry Soc are proud to host MedFest for its third 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 'Framing Trauma: Conflict and Medicine'. A selection of short film clips and animations will be shown and then discussed by a group of 4 of our most distinguished and witty panelists.

Psychiatry Society AGM: Conference » Meeting Rooms 1 & 2, Áras na Mac Léinn » 05th April 2016

Looking to be a part of the Psychiatry Society? Interested in hearing a re-cap of this year's events? Simply partial to a cup of tea and a biscuit? If so, come along to the Psychiatry Society AGM on Tuesday the 5th of April at 5pm, Meeting Rooms 1 & 2, Áras na Mac Léinn. It's been a successful second year for the Psychiatry Society, with events ranging from fundraising quizzes to guest speakers, movie nights and interactive film festivals. Feel like you want to get involved? Come to the AGM and put yourself forward for a place on the committee. Please note only current members can vote and run in Society elections. If you're not currently a member, you can join online through the link in the description. We hope to see you there!

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

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Megan McNamara

PRO: Louise Burke

Secretary: Alicia Tan

Treasurer: Patrick Folan

Vice-Auditor: Matthew McMorrow

OCM: Mairead Reidy

OCM: Finbar Murphy

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	227.01	Bank charge	€29.33
Fundraising	€425.00	Entertainment	€211.47
USC Grant	€1,000.00	Fundraising / Charity	€425.00
		Gifts	€50.00
		Prizes	€45.95
		Expenditure Total	€761.75
		Closing Bank Balance	€890.26
Total	€1,652.01	Total	€1,652.01

Mission Statement

The Psychiatry Society of NUI Galway promotes the study and awareness of psychiatry as a medical discipline through education and direct student engagement. The society is open to all students of NUI Galway with an interest in mental health and illness and is not limited to students of medicine or any other health science. In hosting an instructive and diverse array of events throughout the college year, the society hopes to foster an understanding of psychiatry as an evolving and enthralling medical specialty while promoting positive mental health among the general student population.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

The NUIG Psychiatry Society aims to:

1. Reduce stigma surrounding mental illness
2. Promote mental health and wellbeing
3. Change misconceptions surrounding the medical specialty of psychiatry
4. Promote careers and recruitment in mental health services

Society Performance Reflection

Our society continues to grow from strength to strength, clearly showing that there is a keen interest among the students of NUIG to learn more about mental health and psychiatry. Our events have also been very well-attended and have sparked interesting debate among committee members, panellists and attendees alike.

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

As a society, I believe that all our aims and objectives were met in some small way this year.

All of the events we held, along with our Facebook campaign for World Mental Health Week and our frequent online updates and posts about relevant topics in the world of mental health, allowed us to positively promote mental health and well-being and reduce stigma surrounding mental illness.

Our table quiz raised over €400 for Jigsaw Galway, a brilliant service for young people in Galway struggling with mental health issues.

Our talk "From Yale to the Claddagh" with Professor Harvey Wasserman, a former Professor of Psychiatry at the Yale University College of Medicine with over fifty years of experience in the private practice of psychiatry, gave us a platform to discuss mental health from a professional perspective in order to dispel rumours and encourage interest in pursuing careers in the field of psychiatry.

Medfest, one of our most attended events last year, returned again to the Clinical Sciences Institute, this year's theme being Framing Trauma: Conflict and Medicine. These short films and the discussions that followed allowed us to give a global perspective on the issue of mental health, and allow a space to destigmatise and debate on how approaches to mental health can be improved worldwide.

Greatest Success

Our greatest achievement as a committee was working through the absence of four of our committee members with a stunning display of teamwork that allowed our final two events of 2015/2016 to be our most successful of the year.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge this year was the absence of four of our members, including our Vice-Auditor, our Secretary, our PRO and one of our OCMs due to their participation in the ERASMUS programme for the majority of semester 2. This put a lot of pressure on the remaining members of the committee in the day-to-day running of the society as well as most of the organising and presentation of events. As a committee this required good communication and delegation skills, and enabled us to really test ourselves on teamwork. Despite the distance, everyone did their best to stay involved, for example Sabrina drawing up posters and Louise delegating tasks from France.

In future it would be wise to discuss these matters at the beginning of the year and make a plan for when committee members must take a leave of absence, however everyone did a remarkable job in managing without the extra hands and definitely went the extra mile to ensure that this year was as successful as the last.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 9 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 9 committee members.

Psychiatry Society ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Louise Burke</u>	Auditor	60 hours
<u>Cian Tuohy</u>	Co-auditor	50 hours
<u>Mairead Reidy</u>	Treasurer	30 hours
<u>Matthew McMorrow</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	30 hours
<u>Tara Burke</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	30 hours
<u>Megan McNamara</u>	Secretary	50 hours
<u>Kuan Hao Yee</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	20 hours
<u>Katie Lynam</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	50 hours
<u>Sabrina Sheridan</u>	Public Relations Officer	40 hours
# ALIVE Students:	9 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	360 hours	

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 343 members. 9 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Psychological Society

The NUIG Psychological Society, also known as Psych Soc, is a society for students of psychology and anyone with an interest in what makes people behave the way they do.

Psych Soc is about introducing people to things they wouldn't ordinarily come across in course readings and lectures. The society frequently holds talks in the university on a variety of topics. Previous talks include new and growing areas in the field, such as: cognitive psychology, forensic psychology; sports psychology and positive psychology. This gives people the opportunity to explore postgraduate and career directions by discovering where their interests lie.

Besides the academic side of things, we also promote mental health on campus, organize get-togethers and trips abroad. The society gives people the chance to get to know their classmates a little better, but also allows people to meet students from other psychological societies, at events such as the Annual Congress of Psychology Students of Ireland. Psych Soc recently secured a bid to bring the PSI Student Congress to Galway for 2017, which was a huge achievement and means an exciting year ahead for the society.

Psych Soc has also visited other psychological societies in Amsterdam and Cardiff, building immensely rewarding international links. With international networking in mind, several members of the society are involved in EFPSA, the European Federation of Psychology Students Association. EFPSA holds several events annually, with the goal of supporting cooperation and networking between students, academics and professionals. By organizing these events, EFPSA promotes European integration and greater standards of research in psychology, as well as providing a strong platform to represent European psychology students. EFPSA also publishes an academic journal, the Journal of European Psychology Students, which gives students the opportunity to publish research findings.

Volunteering and social awareness are important to our society, which works in conjunction with NUIG's ALIVE program. Previous events which support mental health interest groups and charities include: A Mental Health Info fair, where various organisations came to Á • ras na Mac Léinn and displayed stands with the work they do and options for volunteering, A table quiz in aid of Spunout.ie, a website which offers information about mental health and social issues for young people; and an awareness-raising event in Á • ras na Mac Léinn for World Mental Health Day. Psych Soc members are encouraged to volunteer their time while at university, particular in mental health and disability projects.

Psych soc is an open and inclusive society. Anyone with an interest in how the mind works is very welcome to get involved or take part. Find out more at: <http://www.facebook.com/NUIGPsychSoc>

Psychological Society Events list (28 Individual Events)

Psych Soc EGM: Other » School of Psychology » 16th September 2015

Psych Soc EGM this Wednesday 16th September, 6:30pm. Venue TBC but will meet in the foyer of the Psychology Building (Arts Millennium Building Extension). We'll be electing a new committee for 2015/16 and discussing some potential events for the coming year. All are welcome, the more the merrier!

Committee Meeting: Other » Room 1062 in the Psychology Building (AMB) » 30th September 2015

Committee Meeting for Psychology Society at 7 PM

Psych Soc Tea & Talks: Charity » Arts Millennium Building Extension » 06th October 2015

Join us for Tea & Talks as part of Mental Health Awareness Week!

Tea & Talk With Psychology Society: Social » Foyer, Psychology Building » 06th October 2015

Tea & Talk with Psychology Soc the event runs from 11-2pm in the foyer of the Psychology Building. So come on down for tea and chats with Psychology Soc.

Psych Soc's Five-A-Side for Mental Health Awareness Week: Charity » Kingfisher Gym » 07th October 2015

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Wednesday with each team playing 3 games for 6 mins. The knockout phase will take place on Thursday with the quarter finals up first, the knockout phases will be 12 minute games, with some great prizes to be announced for the winning team! As there is a limited team number, sign ups for the tournament can be completed by coming to the Foyer of the Psychology Building (Arts Millennium Building Extension) between 11 am and 2pm on the 6th of October (a tea and talks event will also be hosted at that time so tea and biscuits will be available while you scout out the competition!). It should be a great two days and we hope to see as many of you there not only playing but supporting the teams! The more you move the better your mood, see you then!

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PsychSoc & FemSoc Ultimate Team Up - Quiz!: Charity » College Bar, Back room » 03rd November 2015

FemSoc and PsychSoc are teaming up to bring you a Really Awesome Table Quiz on Tuesday 3rd November at 8pm at the College Bar. This is in aid of commit and act, which provides psychosocial support to areas of low income countries and areas afflicted by conflict. You can find out more about the charity here: <http://commitandact.com/> It's about twenty euro per table, with maximum four people to one. We'll have prizes for first, second, and third place, and there'll be a RAFFLE because who doesn't love raffles. (Answer: silly people don't love raffles. You don't want to hang out with silly people, do you? Oh wait, hang on) So come on down in support of a very good cause, come with your silliest/feminist-themed/psychology-themed names, get a bit too overly competitive (or maybe that's just me who does that), and have a very good time. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Brain Waves and Reading Minds - Neuro Soc Team-Up: Social » Foyer of Bailey Allen Hall » 12th November 2015

Psych Soc is teaming up with Neuro Soc for Social Inclusion Week. Ever wanted to see how your own brain functions look while chatting away? Ever wanted to just see brain waves in action? Pop over to our stand and grab a voucher for trying our our EEG headsets, we'll be trying them out non-stop. Also, write on our Equality Board that will be there and the best message will win a prize! Look out for our Table at Smokie's between 1-2pm promoting Social Inclusion Week and our event on Thursday. We'll have an interactive game!

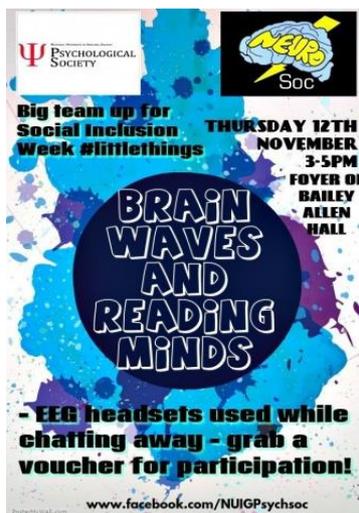


Table Quiz with Psi Chi (part sponsored by Student Talks): Charity » College bar » 02nd February 2016

Psych Soc and Psi Chi NUIG Chapter are teaming up to host a table quiz in aid of Cancer Care West. This collaboration is part sponsored by Student Talks, the conference series and hub for early career professionals. Tuesday 2nd Feb, 8pm, College Bar. €5 per person with teams of 4. Free finger food, fun and lots of great prizes! Raffle and spot prizes on the night. Hope to see you all there!

It's Swinging in the Brain: How Brain Oscillations Might Control Higher Cognitive Processes (Psi Chi Seminar Series):Seminar » Arts Millennium Building Extension, Room G067 » 25th February 2016

Join us for our first seminar of the semester, in collaboration with Psi Chi, the International Honour Society in Psychology. Prof. Paul Sauseng from Ludwig Maximilian University Munich will be giving the seminar, examining the relationship between brain oscillations and cognitive functions. Refreshments will be served after the talk.

Psi Chi presents "Psychology in Film: American Psycho": Arts & Culture » Arts Millennium Building Extension, Room G036 » 25th February 2016

Psi Chi, International Honour Society in Psychology, presents a night of Psychology in Film: two talks on the use of psychology in film, a screening of American Psycho (Mary Harron's classic psychological thriller-horror slasher black comedy starring Christian Bale), followed by an analytic discussion of the psychology of Patrick Bateman. The talks will be delivered by Dr Chris Dwyer ("Fear & Suspense in Film") and Dr Sinéad Conneely ("The Good, the Bad and the Downright Ugly").

Mental Health - Lecturers VS. Students Revenge Soccer Match: Health & Lifestyle » Kingfisher Gym » 29th February 2016

Following the lecturers loss during our tournament last semester against the students, they are coming back with a vengeance to give one last shot at winning the title! But can they defeat the champs? Be at the Kingfisher @1pm to find out!



Mental Health - Psychological Impact of Domestic Violence Workshop: Seminar » AMB-G067 » 01st March 2016

Charlotte Douglass is a specialist domestic violence consultant with over 30 years in the field of domestic violence and trauma. This workshop will focus on the psychology of domestic violence & trauma that victims experience within domestic violence relationships. This promises to be an amazing opportunity to get an insight into the true impact that domestic violence & trauma can have on the human mind! Best of all? It's FREE & there will be food provided.

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Tuesday 1st March

12-1.30pm
2.30-4pm

Limited Places -
Sign up in Socs
Box!

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#MentalHealthWeek

Psychological Soc Presents:
PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND TRAUMA WORKSHOP

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Mental Health - Gender Based Violence Discussion: Social » O'Eocha Theatre » 01st March 2016

With new campaigns surrounding gender based violence we need to ensure that awareness remains high. Join us for this amazing discussion - 'It's time to talk!' We have a fantastic line-up for you with this panel which will be followed by a Q&A. Refreshments will also be provided. Guest speakers from different areas of expertise in gender based violence include:- Alan O'Neil: CEO of the Men's Network and White Ribbon Campaign. - Charlotte Douglass: Specialist Domestic Violence Consultant.- Clare Mahon: SATU Support Worker. - Jackie Carroll: Cope Galway. This promises to be a great evening focusing on an important topic which will show the psychological impact of gender based violence on the human mind!

Tue 1st Mar 7PM

Psych Soc Presents:

GENDER BASED VIOLENCE PANEL

- It's time to talk -

Alan O'Neil - Men's Network & White Ribbon
Alan is the CEO of Men's Network and works in allegiance with the White Ribbon campaign promoting awareness.

Charlotte Douglass - SDVC
Charlotte is a specialist domestic violence consultant with over 30 years in the field of domestic violence & trauma.

Clare Mahon - SATU
Clare works with the Galway branch of the Sexual Assault Treatment Unit that provides specialist care for women who have been sexually assaulted or raped.

Jackie Farrell - Cope Galway
Jackie works with Cope Galway who provide refuge accommodation, information, support and court accompaniment to women experiencing domestic violence.

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Mental Health - Bake Sale: Social » Smokies Table, Concourse » 02nd March 2016

To launch our Mental Health Week Info Fair we are bringing you a deliciously stocked bake sale. Grab some goodies and tasty treats whilst raising awareness for mental health!- Free Carbon pass with each purchase -Find us in Smokies from 11am - 2pm.

Mental Health - Charity and Service Info Fair: Health & Lifestyle » Foyer of Bailey Allen Hall » 02nd March 2016

Head down to Psych Soc's Info Fair showcasing Galway's services and charities that are focused on your mental health and wellness! We'll also have some exciting wellness focused surprises for you ! Book yourself into the massage chair, wander around our wonderful stalls, or..... obsess over the amazing animals from Woolly Ward's Pet Farm!

Mental Health - Career Panel in Psychology: Seminar » Colm Ó hEocha » 02nd March 2016

Studying psychology and not sure what direction you're heading? Or have a general interest in the field and want to know more? Come down to our Psychology Career Panel during our Mental Health Week to hear from working and training psychologists in a range of different fields! Find out their paths, your options and possibly discover a new direction. There will be speakers from: health, clinical, cognitive, developmental, P.H.D. Research and more! Find Psych soc and our speakers in the Arts Millennium Building Colm O hEocha Theatre @ 7pm

Structural Representations in Visual Working Memory (Psi Chi Seminar Series): Seminar » Arts Millennium Building Extension, Room G067 » 03rd March 2016

Join us for the second installation of the Psi Chi and Psych Soc Seminar Series 2016. Dr. Markus Conci (Ludwig-Maximilians-University of Munich, Germany) will be discussing Structural Representations in Visual Working Memory. Refreshments will be served after the talk.

Towards a Mental Healthy Campus Panel Discussion: Health & Lifestyle » Colm Ó hEocha » 03rd March 2016 A panel discussion on creating a campus inclusive and supportive of all, reducing the stigma around and opening conversation about mental health and well-being. All Welcome to join in the discussion

Psych Soc hosts

Towards a Mental Healthy Campus

O'hEocha Theatre Arts Millennium Building- 7pm

Guest Speaker:
Teresa Hanniffy - National Please Talk Officer

Panel Discussion:
Emer Connaughton Mental Health Ireland
Gillian Karwig Reach out Ireland
John Hannon, Director of Student Services
James McCormack, Student Counselling
Noirin Mannion, Mental Health Support Worker
Agnes Tully, School of Nursing and Midwifery
Natalie Halloran Occupational Therapist
Riona Hughes, Societies Officer

Please Talk .org

Mental Health - Tea & Chats: Social » Foyer, Psychology Building » 04th March 2016

To close off our week we will be holding a tea and chats to incorporate #Littlethings idea of #addfriendstoyourtea to bring everyone together - best of all it's free!

The duration of 'now': Time perception and the experience of presence (Psi Chi Seminar Series): Seminar » Arts Millennium Building Extension, Room G067 » 10th March 2016

Join us for the third installation of the Psi Chi and Psych Soc Seminar Series 2016. Dr Marc Wittmann (Institut für Grenzgebiete der Psychologie und Psychohygiene, Freiburg) will be discussing the duration of 'now': Time perception and the experience of presence. Refreshments will be served after the talk.

'Supporting Mental Health' - KEY Ideas Workshop: Social » School of Psychology » 24th March 2016

KEY Ideas + Decisions is a citizen empowerment initiative designed by young people for the young people of Ireland. We will facilitate you and others in cooperating to develop and evaluate policies across a broad range of categories which could help develop better mental health for all the citizens of Ireland. The results of this workshop will be discussed by a panel including Niall 'Bressie' Breslin and Dr Paul D'Alton in the evening (The Crises of Mental Health in Ireland: It's Time for Radical Change -

The Crises of Mental Health in Ireland: It's Time for Radical Change - Niall 'Bressie' Breslin & Dr Paul D'Alton: Health & Lifestyle » O'Flaherty Theatre, Arts Concourse, NUI Galway » 24th March 2016

NUI Galway Psychological Society and Psi Chi - National University of Ireland, Galway welcome Niall Bressie Breslin and Dr Paul D'Alton for a discussion on 'The Crises of Mental Health in Ireland: It's Time for Radical Change.' Both Bressie and Dr D'Alton have spoken frequently on the topic of mental health, and have played an important role in challenging and changing attitudes towards mental health issues in Ireland; Dr D'Alton through his work as a Clinical Psychologist, equality campaigner and advocate of mental health reform, and Bressie through his openness and honesty about his own battle with anxiety and depression and through his website www.alustforlife.com. In an impassioned address to the Joint Committee on Health and Children about mental health and wellbeing at a meeting of the Oireachtas, Bressie and Dr D'Alton described mental ill-health as the great epidemic of this generation, and emphasised the necessity of a whole society response to the alarming increase in self-harm and consistently high rates of suicide in Ireland. Together they challenged our government and the people of Ireland to ask themselves, "are we doing enough?" Availability is limited! To secure your place, please register via the Eventbrite page.

<https://mentalhealthinireland.eventbrite.com>

5th Annual Psi Chi Research Presentation Night: Seminar » AMBE, Room G065 » 05th April 2016

Undergraduate psychology students are invited to present their research at the 5th Annual Psi Chi Presentation Night, April 5th at 6:00pm in AMBE G065. Presentations may take the form of either a poster or an 8-minute oral presentation, as chosen by the student. This is a fantastic opportunity for first-time speakers to present their research in a laid-back and friendly environment. Academic staff and postgraduate students will be on hand to provide practical presentation advice based on their own experiences. This will allow students the chance to practice and get feedback on their presentations ahead of the PSI Student Congress in Ulster University Coleraine, April 8th & 9th. Plus, presenting at a Psi Chi event will be an excellent addition to your academic CV! This event isn't about judgement – it's about practice, academic development and research dissemination! We will also be serving food and drink throughout the evening. To register (or for more information) please email psichinuig@gmail.com with the title of your presentation, the name of your research supervisor, and your preferred mode of presenting (i.e. poster or oral presentation).

A space for numbers in the chick mind (Psi Chi Seminar Series): Seminar » Arts Millennium Building Extension, Room G067 » 07th April 2016

The final Psi Chi seminar in the current series. Lucia Regolin (University of Padova, Italy) will speak on "A space for numbers in the chick mind." Wine and cheese will be provided after the talk.

38th Annual Congress of Psychology Students in Ireland 2016: Conference » Derry, Coleraine, Ulster University Coleraine » 08th April 2016

This year's All Ireland Annual Congress of Psychology students will be hosted at Ulster University Coleraine on April 8th – 10th 2016. The annual conference continues to be an exciting event that provides an opportunity for psychology students to present their undergraduate or postgraduate research. The congress aims to provide a forum for psychology students to share their research findings, to make connections with other students and to find out more about other areas of research. Each year a number of guest speakers are invited to talk on a range of topics.

Psychological Society AGM: Social » G066 Psychology Extension, Arts Millennium Building » 13th April 2016

Hello one and all, Our AGM is on Wednesday the 13th of April and is not to be missed! We will be electing positions on our new committee and discussing a few of our big events that are lined up for next year. Don't worry, we will treat you as well with free Carbon passes and refreshments at the AGM. Being part of a committee is not only great for your CV and a good time, but is also great for networking and travelling. Psych Soc had a fantastic year winning Best Themed Week and have been shortlisted for the

Best Mental Health Event at BICS (results the 14th, fingers crossed). If you are studying psychology, or have a general interest, and want to get more involved with the society you should definitely pop down. Hope to see you there!



Committee 2015/2016

Vice-Auditor: Sarah Quinn

PRO: Fionnuala Rogers

Events Officer: Soraya Matthews

OCM: Hazel Wolstenholme

Psi Chi Rep: Hannah Durand

Secretary: Eimear Bane

OCM: Casey Donaghey

PRO: Chloe Greene

Events Officer: Aaron McGrath

Auditor: Meagan Lynch

OCM: David Hanley

Facilities Officer : Colm Doody

Treasurer: Aaron Claffey-Conneely

OCM: Sarah Summerville

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Soraya Matthews

Treasurer: Ricky Jinks

Events Officer: Mairin Ni Chonghaile

Vice-Auditor: Meagan Lynch

Secretary: Aaron Claffey-Conneely

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	233.34	Bank charge	€16.28
USC Grant	€2,225.00	Dinner/Food	€275.00
		Equipment misc	€118.00
		Gifts	€45.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€350.00
		Reception	€85.00
		Speaker accomm	€59.00
		Expenditure Total	€948.28
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,510.06
Total	€2,458.34	Total	€2,458.34

Mission Statement

To expand knowledge of Psychological studies in a fun and interesting way!

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We aim to engage and inform others of the fascinating subject that is Psychology. From engaging talks to interactive workshops we hope to provide a fun way in which to learn.

Society Performance Reflection

Our society did exceptional work this year in trying to promote mental health across the campus. We collaborated with various societies and organisations to host a wide range of events, from quiz nights to football tournaments and many other events. We worked with PsiChi to host a variety of talks from Psychology experts all over Europe which were always very successful. Our most successful event was Mental Health week which involved huge works and collaboration and was a great success in promoting mental health on campus.

We also secured a bid for the 2017 PSI Student Congress which was a great achievement for the society, as it hasn't come to Galway in many years.

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

We achieved all of our aims, objectives and goals as we made a real effort to keep the campus informed about a variety of mental health issues and the opportunities available to them in a career in psychology. We also boosted the society from being virtually inactive to being a thriving well-known society.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was definitely Mental Health Week, which went on to win awards like Best Themed Week and be nominated for the BICS Mental Health Award (pending). Many members of the society worked tirelessly to organise many events over the course of the week, all of which were aimed at reducing stigma and encouraging more open discussion of topics like gender based violence, domestic violence, Autism and much more. We also held a mental health info fair which helped inform students of what services were available to them and what they could volunteer with. There was also a careers in psychology talk given during this week to help students get more insight into what they could do with a degree in psychology. Overall Mental Health Week was a huge success as it made our society more widely known around campus and helped in removing any stigma on campus surrounding mental health.

As well as this, bringing the PSI Student Congress to Galway for 2017 was a huge success and means that 2017 will be a very busy but exciting year for Psych Soc.

Greatest Challenge

Probably the biggest challenge for many of our members was time management. It was often difficult to find times for meetings that suited all members or many members couldn't commit to helping with some events due to other commitments, as many of our members are final year students with research projects ongoing. However we were able to overcome this obstacle as many of our member were incredibly enthusiastic and willing to give their all to the society.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 15 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 14 committee members.

Psychological Society ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Eimear Bane</u>	Secretary	50 hours
<u>Soraya Matthews</u>	Events Officer	55 hours
<u>Meagan Lynch</u>	Auditor	50 hours
<u>Colm Doody</u>	Facilities Officer	50 hours

Radio Soc Support of Mental Health #littlethings: Health & Lifestyle » CONCOURSE » 07th October 2015

Radio Soc invites YOU to come join us and our lovely committee in the Concourse on Wednesday the 7th October from 12:00pm! We'll be asking you know about mental health, how you look after your own mental health and getting your ideas on how to raise awareness in NUIG. Afterwards make sure you tune into Flirt FM's Current Affairs show at 5:00pm on Wednesday to hear what students had to say and don't forget to check out our Radio Soc Facebook and Twitter page for more info! It's the #littlethings!

RadioSoc Show: Other » Flirt FM » 21st October 2015

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Radio Society Adobe Workshop: Training » Meeting Room 2, Aras na Mac Leinn » 05th November 2015

One and all is welcome to Radio Soc's Adobe Workshop with FlirtFM's, Eoghan Holland on Thursday the 5th of November from 6:00pm-7:00pm in Aras na Mac Leinn, Meeting Room 2. Eoghan will be showing you everything you need to know about the software tool 'Adobe', what you can create and much more! Its a great skill to have and can be applied anywhere! Hope to see you radioheads there!

RadioSoc Show: Other » Flirt FM » 11th November 2015

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Radio Soc EGM and discussion on upcoming events!: Social » Aras na Mac Leinn Meeting Room 2 » 11th November 2015

Welcome all radioheads to our upcoming EGM this Wednesday at 6:00-7:00pm in Meeting Room 2, Aras na Mac Leinn! Committee positions available are: *Vice Auditor* Treasurer New committee members will be able to join our presenters on our Radio Soc FlirtFM show - its a fantastic way to experience radio, explore new music and much more! There will be FREE PIZZA and REFRESHMENTS and a FlirtFM STUDIO TOUR for all new members! We will be talking about upcoming events, trips away and listening to all your lovely suggestions! Hope to see you there!

RadioSoc Show: Other » Flirt FM » 18th November 2015

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RadioSoc Show: Other » Flirt FM » 25th November 2015

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Socs Day 2: Conference » Bailey Allen Hall » 13th January 2016

Come and see our stand in the Bailey Allen Hall this Wednesday 10-5pm, sign up to RadioSoc for free and of course free sweets and much more besides!

Radio Soc EGM!: Social » Meeting Room 1, Aras na Mac Leinn » 26th January 2016

Hey there! This Tuesday, January 26th, in Meeting Room 1 Áras na Mac Léinn, Radio soc will be inviting you all to our EGM from 5:00pm-6:00pm! We will be searching for a new PRO; so if you think you'd be interested - come along! If not, we will be looking to get to know all of you so everyone is welcome! :) (There's also gonna be pizza! :D) Hope to see you there!

Radio Soc Movie Night!: Arts & Culture » Darcy Thompson Theatre, Arts & Science Concourse » 02nd February 2016

Hey everyone! So here at Radio Soc we are very excited to announce that we'll be having our very own 'Movie Night' with a classic radio-orientated film: 'Good Morning Vietnam' (1987), starring Robin Williams! As always, there will be PIZZA so come along! Hope to see you there!

Radio Soc Weekly Show on FLIRTFM: Social » Flirt FM » 02nd March 2016

Every Wednesday from 4:00-5:00pm Radio Soc has been getting together for our weekly show and we want to invite YOU to tune in and listen to some great music or text in and get involved with our weekly debates and topics! Got something you want to share or want to experience being live on air? Get in touch with us through our email or Facebook page and we'll make it happen!

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Radio Soc Weekly Show on FLIRTFM: Social » Flirt FM » 16th March 2016

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Radio Soc Weekly Show on FLIRTFM: Social » Flirt FM » 23rd March 2016

Every Wednesday from 4:00-5:00pm Radio Soc has been getting together for our weekly show and we want to invite YOU to tune in and listen to some great music or text in and get involved with our weekly debates and topics! Got something you want to share or want to experience being live on air? Get in touch with us through our email or Facebook page and we'll make it happen!

Radio Soc Weekly Show on FLIRTFM: Social » Flirt FM » 30th March 2016

Every Wednesday from 4:00-5:00pm Radio Soc has been getting together for our weekly show and we want to invite YOU to tune in and listen to some great music or text in and get involved with our weekly debates and topics! Got something you want to share or want to experience being live on air? Get in touch with us through our email or Facebook page and we'll make it happen!

Radio Soc Weekly Show on FLIRTFM: Social » Flirt FM » 06th April 2016

Every Wednesday from 4:00-5:00pm Radio Soc has been getting together for our weekly show and we want to invite YOU to tune in and listen to some great music or text in and get involved with our weekly debates and topics! Got something you want to share or want to experience being live on air? Get in touch with us through our email or Facebook page and we'll make it happen!

Radio Soc Weekly Show on FLIRTFM: Social » Flirt FM » 13th April 2016

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Radio Soc AGM: Social » Aras Na Mac Leinn Meeting Room 1 » 13th April 2016

AGM for all Radio Soc members to come along and have the chance to be elected to the new Radio Society committee for the academic year 2016/2017 and then meet for pizza and refreshments in the college bar after.

Radio Soc AGM: Social » Aras Na Mac Leinn Meeting Room 1 » 13th April 2016

Hey guys and gals, Radiosoc will be having an AGM this Wednesday, the 13th of April in Aras na Mac Leinn, Meeting Room 1! Absolutely everyone is welcome to try out for next years committee! If you're even a little bit interested, we will answer any questions you may have! (There's also PIZZA!) Hope to see you there!

Radio Soc Weekly Show on FLIRTFM: Social » Flirt FM » 20th April 2016

Every Wednesday from 4:00-5:00pm Radio Soc has been getting together for our weekly show and we want to invite YOU to tune in and listen to some great music or text in and get involved with our weekly debates and topics! Got something you want to share or want to experience being live on air? Get in touch with us through our email or Facebook page and we'll make it happen!

Radio Soc Weekly Show on FLIRTFM: Social » Flirt FM » 27th April 2016

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Radio Soc Weekly Show on FLIRTFM: Social » Flirt FM » 04th May 2016

Every Wednesday from 4:00-5:00pm Radio Soc has been getting together for our weekly show and we want to invite YOU to tune in and listen to some great music or text in and get involved with our weekly debates and topics! Got something you want to share or want to experience being live on air? Get in touch with us through our email or Facebook page and we'll make it happen!

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Jessica Atcheson

Secretary: Rebecca McKinney

OCM: Tim Murphy

Vice-Auditor: Liam Heffron

Treasurer: Javier Ruiz Gomez

OCM: Paula Healy

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Jessica Atcheson

Treasurer: Tim Murphy

OCM: Paula Healy

PRO: Javier Ruiz Gomez

Vice-Auditor: John O'Malley

Secretary: Eoghan Holland

OCM: Joss Myers

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	2,286.63	Bank charge	€72.83
USC Grant	€1,750.00	Dinner/Food	€80.22
		Entertainment	€45.95
		Equipment misc	€30.70
		Services Hired	€75.00
		Socs day expenses	€19.00
		Speaker travel	€125.58
		Expenditure Total	€449.28
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€3,587.35
Total	€4,036.63	Total	€4,036.63

Mission Statement

To promote and encourage listening of radio for the university.

To support Flirt FM.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- To foster relationships with other student radio groups
- To increase the visibility and exposure of RadioSoc on campus
- To run at least 4 successful events each semester
- To host a radio show
- To engage more with the student body
- To support another National Student Radio Conference event for NUI Galway

Society Performance Reflection

We are very proud to say that we achieved our goals as a society! During the year we met with various other student radio stations such as DCU FM and Belfield FM among others. We most definitely enhanced our visibility on campus by actively campaigning in aid of Mental Health, as part of our #littlthings event where we asked students directly using FLIRT FM vox pops their opinions on the topic. In addition, we successfully ran more than 4 events per semester, thanks to our creative and determined team. These included: Socs Day 2, our many meetings throughout the year; where pizza was sure to be had, our movie night and many more. There are also plans on the way for another National Student Radio Conference event for NUI thanks to our wonderful team both in the committee and Flirt FM.

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

I achieved many personal goals as part of my role as secretary. These included: confidence building when I was relied on to book venues for our events and meetings as well as organisational skills, computer editing skills and financial skills when I needed to sign and deliver checks as well as helping set up our societal bank account. I also debated taking up Journalism after I completed my undergraduate course, when working in the studio!

Greatest Success

Our greatest accomplishment during the year was meeting and working with such a determined team who were set on making Radio Soc a success! We encountered some difficulties throughout the year, but we always put on a great show!

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge during the year was trying to get new members to join our wonderful society; which proved difficult when a lot of people didn't know about us. We tackled this problem by sticking together and putting on events so as to welcome all!

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 6 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 6 committee members.

RadioSoc Alive Certificate		
<u>Rebecca McKinney</u>	Secretary	32 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	32 hours	

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 315 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Rock Soc

Rock Society this year functioned in a manner similar to previous years albeit suggestively less intensely with regards to event saturation. We continued our usual policies of having regular screenings, jam sessions and band nights but we also continued with Witless, in it's fifth year of it's format and hosted our first Rock Musical.

Rock Society Events list (25 Individual Events)

Start of year gig: Social » College bar » 10th September 2015

Rock Soc Jam: Social » Large Acoustic » 15th September 2015

Weekly Rock Soc jam

Starboy Auditions: Other » Small Acoustic Room » 17th September 2015

Rock Soc Jam: Social » Large Acoustic » 22nd September 2015

Weekly Rock Soc jam

Rock Soc Jam: Social » Large Acoustic » 29th September 2015

Weekly Rock Soc jam

Rock Soc Jam: Arts & Culture » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 14th October 2015

Weekly Jam from 6-10 in the large acoustic room, all experiences welcome.

Siege: Conference » Dolan's Bar » 25th October 2015

Siege of Limerick: Arts & Culture » Limerick, Limerick, Dolan's Bar » 25th October 2015

Rock Soc Jam: Arts & Culture » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 28th October 2015

Weekly Jam from 6-10 in the large acoustic room, all experiences welcome.

Simpsons Screening: Social » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 28th October 2015

Simpsons screening with refreshments.

Rock Soc Jam: Arts & Culture » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 04th November 2015

Weekly Jam from 6-10 in the large acoustic room, all experiences welcome.

Rock Society Party: Social » Galway, Galway, Woodquay » 03rd December 2015

Rock Societies end of the year Christmas Party

Starboy the Musical: Arts & Culture » Bank of Ireland Theatre » 01st February 2016

Starboy the Musical: Arts & Culture » Bank of Ireland Theatre » 02nd February 2016

Escape from New York screening: Social » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 17th February 2016

Ice Cream Party: Social » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 26th February 2016

Join us for ice-cream, yes we really mean it.

Rock Soc Band Night: Social » Galway, Galway, Roisin Dubh » 07th March 2016

Rock Society Band Showcase

Skate Soc - Rock Soc Event: Social » Upstairs in College Bar » 08th March 2016

Skate Soc/Rock Soc Gig: Social » College Bar, Back room » 08th March 2016

Skate Soc and Rock Soc putting on a gig together in the back of the college bar

Flight of the Conchords Screening: Social » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 10th March 2016

Screening

Simpsons Screening: Seminar » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 17th March 2016

Rock Soc Agm: Other » Small Acoustic Room » 11th April 2016

Rock Soc Screening: Social » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 14th April 2016

End of year party: Social » Galway, Galway City, 38 Greenfields » 11th May 2016

Rock Soc and Skate Soc end of year party

Committee 2015/2016

Secretary: Shane Walsh

Treasurer: Liam Donnelly

Events Manager: James Hoey

PRO: Shane Maughan

OCM: Javier Ruiz Gomez

OCM: Sean Donnelly

Safety Assistant: David Acton

Administrator: Celine McDonald

Auditor: Karl Killeen

Vice-Auditor: Oilibhe MacAodha

Safety Officer: Chuck Meehan

OCM: Dylan Chambers

OCM: Luke Jacobsen

OCM: Kieran Cawley

OCM: M O'Fearraigh

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Sean Donnelly

Secretary: Karl Killeen

OCM: Shane Walsh

Vice-Auditor: Luke Jacobsen

Treasurer: Chuck Meehan

OCM: Liam Donnelly

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	504.71	Apparel	€210.00
Fundraising	€25.00	Bank charge	€56.47
Members Contributions	€0.10	Costumes	€81.75
Socs box Till	€729.00	Entertainment	€1,070.38
Ticket Sales	€50.00	Equipment misc	€646.84
USC Grant	€3,500.00	Fundraising / Charity	€25.00
		Hire Bus	€20.00
		Prizes	€99.94
		Socs Box Till Sales	€265.00
		Sound	€660.00
		Expenditure Total	€3,135.38
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,673.43
Total	€4,808.81	Total	€4,808.81

Mission Statement

ROCK SOC provides a positive environment for musicians and fans of alternative music and culture. ROCK SOC is dedicated to promoting original student bands and performers, and cover bands too. We want you bands so we can showcase you on NUI Galway's campus and throughout the city. We provide equipment and facilities for these bands to practice and develop their skills and sound. We host gigs in conjunction with established event organizers and performers in venues around Galway city and on campus at NUI Galway, giving our members access to a wide variety of events and styles that are constantly happening. We give our bands and performers a platform for exposure to develop their fan base. We also host special "one-off" events of a varied theme and nature, pertaining to the wishes and desires of our members.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We hope to bring together musicians throughout the college and give them a friendly environment to jam together and make new friends. Promoting bands, tickets to gigs, trips to festivals, we want to give this to each and every one of our members.

Society Performance Reflection

We achieved our primary goals aptly and expanded the variety of events we wished to undertake. I viewed it as generally successful.

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

We mainly sought to recreate the standard practices of previous years and we did to that effect. We also meant to undertake a new project that encompassed all committee members i.e. the musical which was completed successfully.

Greatest Success

I personally regard Starboy the Musical as our greatest success this year.

Greatest Challenge

The greatest challenge I believe we faced was finding the personal to implement the aforementioned success.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 16 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 13 committee members.

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 464 members. 2 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Rover Soc

The Rover Society is the Scout Society in NUIG with the aim of organising outdoor adventure events that are run through the Scouting method. Our members learn about the outdoors and gain new and fulfilling experiences while having fun in a safe and encouraging manner.

Rover Society Events list (22 Individual Events)

Rover Soc Meeting & Social Night: Social » AC201 » 14th September 2015

On Monday 14th September - we're going to have our first "Rover Crew" meeting of the year with free pizza. This will take place in AC201 (On the concourse beside the Bialann stairs) at 7.30pm. The aim of this meeting will be to explain how the Rover Society will work this year and also to plan the year together as a Rover Crew so if you would like to have your say in or would like to be involved in what we do this year as a society - you should come along so we can hear your great ideas! We'll be also be talking about our upcoming camping trip (see the next point!) so if you think you might like to come on that, you should also be there! To mention again: There will be guaranteed free pizza for all at the meeting. Also, we'll be heading to town somewhere afterwards - about 9pm most likely to the Cellar Bar for a bit of a social night!

Camping Trip: Social » Galway, Oranmore, Renville Park » 18th September 2015

We're going to have our first camping trip of the year. We'll be heading out to Renville (just outside Galway City) for the weekend leaving on Friday Night and coming back on Sunday. We'll be deciding the definite details at the meeting on Monday but it will definitely be a weekend of great craic and be very affordable (€10 - €15 probably) for everything including food and transport. You will need to sign online but we'll have more details in an email later in the week - if you don't get it for some reason, please do email us at rovers@socs.nuigalway.ie!-----Updated Details: And now finally, we're going camping this weekend! (That's the 18th - 20th September) We've taken all the ideas to get a fantastic programme together for the weekend so there'll be some great craic in store for all! So, it'll only cost €15 for the weekend, including all your food, which will include supper on Friday evening, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday as well as breakfast on Sunday. We'll be meeting at the Galway Bus Station at 6pm on Friday and will be back Sunday morning about lunchtime. Over the weekend, we'll be doing various activities, including catapult battles, backwoods/bushcraft fire lighting and cooking as well as other games and campfires! It's definitely not to be missed. If you want to sign up, you will be able to do so online at the Socs Box Website, the link is here and you will find it under 'Trips' Link here: http://www.socsbox.nuigalway.ie/index.php?route=product/product&path=60&product_id=54

Rover Soc EGM: Seminar » AC201 » 23rd September 2015

The Rover Society EGM will take place on Wednesday 23rd September at 8pm. We'll be re-electing the entire committee so all positions are up for grabs. If you want to get more involved in the society and help with the running of it, this is the perfect opportunity! Here are the positions available: Auditor, Vice Auditor, Secretary, Treasurer, Quartermaster, PRO, First Year Representative and Ordinary Committee Members (OCMs) There will of course be free pizza and we'll be heading somewhere afterwards too - See you then!

LNT Talk with James O'C + Party afterwards!: Training » AC202, NUIG Concourse. » 07th October 2015

Bear Grylls Screening: Health & Lifestyle » AM250 » 14th October 2015

This Wednesday, we'll be watching a screening of Bear Grylls in the Arts Millennium Building which is sure to be a bit of a laugh, so do come along and join us!

Rover Soc Campfire: Health & Lifestyle » Fisheries Field » 21st October 2015

Come join us for a campfire this Wednesday evening, starting from 7pm in the fisheries field, there will be songs and some food for all!

Halloween Camping Trip: Social » Galway, Connemara, Carna - Abandoned Village! » 31st October 2015

Halloween Camping Trip. Are you tired of spending Halloween in the city, rather do something a bit more exciting? Well we might have just what you're looking for! This Halloween weekend, we plan on heading away on a camping trip to an abandoned village in Connemara to satisfy all your Halloween needs. We'll probably be heading out on Saturday (31st October) and coming back on the Sunday but all details will be confirmed next week, so stay tuned for an update! Sign up online at socsbox.nuigalway.ie - any questions, send us an email to roversoc@socs.nuigalway.ie!

Weekend of Backwoods training with a professional instructor!: Training » Galway, Cregg Castle, Corrandulla, TBD » 13th November 2015

Backwoods Weekend! We're having a weekend of backwoods training with a professional. It will be great chance to hone your outdoor skills or develop them in the first place! The location will be updated closer to the time! You can sign up online. Please email roversoc@socs.nuigalway.ie if you have any questions!

Cinema Trip: Social » Galway, Galway City, IMC Galway » 18th November 2015

On the 18th of November we are going on a trip to the cinema to see "A Scout's Guide To the Zombie Apocalypse!" It looks set to be a good laugh and a good chance to meet new people so do turn up!

Christmas Party: Social » Aras na Mac Leinn » 27th November 2015

It's time for the Christmas Party! As announced last week, the Rover Soc Christmas Party will take place this coming Friday, 27th November and it's sure to be a great night to wrap up the semester! We'll be meeting outside Arás na Mac Léinn (Baliey Allen Hall) at 8.30pm and we'll head to one of our member's houses from there. We'll probably head for the Roisín then later and see where we go from there. So, keep the date free for a great night of craic to end the semester - The wearing of any form of Christmas Clothing is most encouraged!

Help the Homeless: Charity » Galway, Galway, Galway » 16th December 2015

International students, before you leave this \christmas, how about donating your unwanted items to the homeless? Bed clothes, non-perishable foods and clothing, it can all go to someone in need. We will be driving around to all the main student accommodations on December 16th and every little helps! The times and locations can be found on our posters with more precise locations to come closer to the date. If you want us to bring the collection to more locations let us know!

Help the Homeless

Before leaving Galway, donate your unwanted items to the homeless this Christmas.

Items:

Clothing,
Non-perishable foods,
Rain gear,
Socks,
Footware,
Blanket, duvet,
Board games,
Art materials.



Collection times:

Corrib Village 1pm
Donegan court 2pm
Dun na Coiribe 2:20pm
Cuir na Coiribe 2:40pm
Gort na Coiribe 3:00pm
Menlo park 3:30pm
Niland house 4:00pm
Merchants quay 4:15pm
Dunaras 4:40pm
Quadrangle 5:15pm

Collections will be at the above locations on Dec 16th
More information on Facebook "NUIG Rover Soc"



Rover Focus: Conference » Aras Moyola » 15th January 2016

Rover Focus is the a National conference style weekend for all Rover Scouts and will include the National Rover Forum for all Rover Scouts and Rover Society Members. In addition to discussions, there will also be a variety of adventure and social activities over the weekend. So for anyone interested in meeting more Rover Scouts around the country or having a good time in general, this a great weekend that is not to be missed. There is an information pack which you should take a look at if you are interested in the event. You will have the option of either staying with other Rovers over the weekend or else you can just come for the day on Saturday and Sunday. If you would like to use the provided accommodation for the weekend, the cost for society members will be €12.50 or if you just want to attend for the day events on Saturday and Sunday, it will cost only cost you €10. All food is included for Saturday (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner) and Sunday (Breakfast, Lunch). Details of payment collection will be circulated to those attending at a later point. Bookings need to be in by the 8th January so please fill out this form as soon as possible if you attending. If you have any other questions or queries, please send us an email to roversoc@socs.nuigalway.ie or ask here and we'll get back to you.

Talk on the Explorer Belt!: Seminar » AC215 » 27th January 2016

Well, to get started on Semester 2, Rover Soc are having a talk on the Explorer Belt Challenge! The Belt is a 10 day expedition that takes place in July each year in Europe. Rover take part in teams of two, and over the course of the 10 days they must cover 200km's by foot while completing a number of projects along the way. They also have to survive on a tiny budget which requires them to rely on the generosity of people they meet en route. Come listen to two of our members - Fionn and Cathal - talk about their experience in Germany last summer and learn how you too could take part in it! After the talk, the plan is to head to one of the member's houses for a party and plenty of craic! ALSO FREE PIZZA, WOW!

Rover Society Campfire: Social » Fisheries Field » 03rd February 2016

Time for another Rover Society Campfire! If the weather stays mild and relatively dry we'll be heading outside for a good old campfire in the Fisheries Field. There will be songs, skits, chants and some marshmallows for everyone so be sure to pop by and join in! We'll be heading somewhere afterwards too for the night so be sure to keep the night free!

Andy Kirkpatrick Talk: Seminar » Galway, Galway City, Town Hall Theatre » 11th February 2016

Andy Kirkpatrick is bringing his show Cold Mountain to Galway! Join Andy as he takes you on an adventure that is at the very boundary of the possible; physically, mentally and emotionally - a climb that laid bare the realities of modern adrenaline sports, as well as friendship. Don't miss the chance to enjoy a riveting nights entertainment and to support your favourite mountain rescue team.

Backwoods Course: Training » Galway, Galway, Backwoods » 12th February 2016

Want to improve or even start to learn some bushcraft skills? Then come join us for our 24 hour craft camp where you can learn these skills from a professional trainer. Check out the website for it at <http://www.westernbushcraftskills.com/>. Tickets are €25 and include the bus and food for the two days. You can sign up here on the socs box website:

http://www.socsbox.nuigalway.ie/index.php?route=product%2Fproduct&path=60&product_id=84 Can people please book their tickets as soon as possible - Monday preferably as we need to know numbers. We look forward to seeing anyone who decides to attend. :)

Ray Mears Screening!: Social » Dillon Theatre » 24th February 2016

Who's the coolest guy around? Some might say woodsman Ray Mears. This Wednesday, we'll be screening some of the best of Ray Mears while sitting indoors eating pizza. It doesn't get much more adventurous than this. There will be free pizza at the talk and we intend on going out afterwards. We hope to see you all there. :)

Inter-varsities prep evening!: Training » Galway, 15-17 Augustine Street, Galway City, 1st Galway Scout Den » 02nd March 2016

We're having an Inter-varsities preparation day this Wednesday to get ready for Cork! The main focus will be on pioneering and general knots etc and everyone is welcome! The evening will start at 7:30pm in the 1st Galway Scout Den in town (Just beside de burgos bar). There will be pizza and tea and biscuits for all so head on down!

Backwoods Overnight: Training » Galway, Galway, Uncleens Woods » 05th March 2016

Never fear, micro-adventures are here! On Saturday night, we're going to head out to Uncleens woods, just outside the city for a quick backwoods overnight. We'll cook over dinner on an open fire backwoods/bushcraft style and then sleep out in Hammocks under tarps. We'll hopefully also cover some skills such as firelighting ahead of the upcoming intervarsities. The only cost will be food and you'll be able to sign up on the Socs Box online store website. Any questions, feel free to send us an email: roversoc@socs.nuigalway.ie

Rover Intervarsities: Other » Cork, Cork, Fota Scout Centre » 11th March 2016

Join us in defending NUIG Rover Soc against the rover societies from other universities in the Rover Intervarsities. It will be a weekend filled with challenges, games and craic. We will be competing in teams of four, so if you want to be in the same team as someone, please mention so. Also mention if you have any specific dietary requirements. The event will be held at Fota Scout Centre in Cork and the price of the event includes travel costs and food. We will be arriving back on Sunday late afternoon.

Rover Soc AGM & BBQ: Seminar » AC216 » 04th April 2016

We'll be hosting our Annual General Meeting for a review on the year we've had and to elect next year's committee on the Monday college resumes after Easter. After this, we'll be heading to one of our member's house for a mighty barbecue with plenty to eat for everyone! If you've been to any of our events during the year, do come along for a great evening.

Help the Homeless: Charity » Various Locations - See Description » 02nd May 2016

Leaving Galway for the Summer? Don't want anything you leave behind to go to waste? Like to help out those in need in Galway? As the Rover Society in NUIG, we're holding a collection of unwanted items that may be of use to Galway's Homeless that might otherwise end up in the bin. We're looking to collect any of the following items that you will no longer need or want after the college year: unopened & Non-Perishable Foods, Clothing, Rain gear, Footwear, Blankets, Duvets, Board Games, Art Material (paints, marker etc.), Guitars, Books, DVDs, Battery Operated Radios. Anything you have from the above list is welcome and will be donated directly to COPE to help them in work they do for the homeless in Galway. Various collection points are available on and off campus - the full details are available here on the Facebook event page, which will be updated with information over the coming weeks: Any questions, you can send us an email - roversoc@socs.nuigalway.ie but please take a look at the Facebook event for all details!

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Cathal Breathnach
Ordinary Committee Member: Aileen Murphy
Safety Officer: Michael Vaughan
Treasurer: Hannah Jansen
Public Relations Officer: Christopher Kelly
Community Project Liaison Officer: Fionn Delahunty
Ordinary Committee Member: James McKeon

Vice-Auditor: Cecile Collot
Secretary: Conor Snowdon
Trip Officer: James O'Connell
Quartermaster: Conor McKinney
Trip Officer: Fiachra Sherry
First Year Representative: Ciara McEllistrim

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Hannah Jansen
Treasurer: Agata Rzeznik
P.R.O.: Aoife O'Connell
Safety Officer: James McKeon
Community Project Liaison Officer: Cathal Breathnach
OCM: Ciara McEllistrim
OCM: Christopher Kelly

Vice-Auditor: Conor Snowdon
Secretary: Cecile Collot
Equipment Officer: Conor McKinney
Trips Officer: Colin Delahunt
OCM: Ryan Lonergan
OCM: Jack Kinghan

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,350.75	Bank charge	€80.68
Ecommerce Sales	€1,215.00	Dinner/Food	€845.46
Fundraising	€580.00	Entertainment	€295.31
Members Contributions	€204.00	Entry fees	€930.00
Refund of Expenses	€100.00	Equipment misc	€977.92
Socs box Till	€200.00	Materials	€15.00
Ticket Sales	€70.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€323.72
USC Grant	€2,250.00	Promotions	€204.82
		Received Money Returned	€140.00
		Society transport	€1,006.03
		Socs day expenses	€12.28
		Expenditure Total	€4,831.22
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,138.53
Total	€5,969.75	Total	€5,969.75

Mission Statement

The aim of the Rover society is to promote the outdoors and adventure with the scouting ethos in NUI Galway.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

For the coming year, we have the following aims:

- To increase our membership
- To hold more regular events
- To recruit more long term members for the long term in the society
- To aim to hold our first international trip

Society Performance Reflection

The Rover Society had some good improvement this year in the events we held and in the new members we have gained. We held more events focused on doing things rather than just learning about them and this really helped in keeping members interested in the society. We held multiple adventurous outings for our members. These were well attended and many of the attendees were new first year students whom we hope will remain with the society for years to come.

We have also increased our community outreach. In September, some of our society members went to the aftermath of Electric Picnic in Stradbally and collected over 1100 sleeping bags for the homeless of Galway. This collection was well received in the University and we were also awarded a Community Celebration Award from Scouting Ireland at their National Youth Achievement Awards Ceremony held in Trinity College Dublin in February.

We also did a collection of unused goods from visiting students heading home just before Christmas for donation to Cope. We plan to do the same collection for all of the students heading home after the summer exams and we expect to gather much more items for donation.

Interacting with others outside of NUIG, we hosted the National Scout Forum here in NUIG. This saw over 80 Rovers come to NUIG for a weekend of discussion and activities organised by a section of our committee. The total attendance was over 250 over the weekend between the Scouts (12 - 15 year olds scouts) and Ventures (16 - 18 year old scouts) who also hosted their Forums in NUIG. We worked closely with all the sections to deliver this event and it was very well reviewed Nationally with Scouting Ireland, us receiving many compliments.

We also attended Rover Intervarsities in Fota, Co. Cork and this year we sent 4 teams, more than any other university and we came away from the weekend with first place in the competition.

We were very happy with how the society did this year and we are looking forward to some summer events including Tent Pitching again at Sea Session music festival (with a collection again afterwards for Cope) and a trip again to Electric Picnic to try and bring back even more sleeping bags for the homeless in Galway.

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

One of our main aims this year was to actively create events and plan activities our members actually wanted to do, rather than organising activities that only a select few were interested in. In this regard we achieved our aims as we planned and organised numerous events as suggested by our community, all of which turned out to be huge successes for the society.

Secondly we aimed to increase our involvement with the local community and we achieved this goal too. We worked with COPE Galway (Homeless charity) this year by collecting blankets/ clothes and other supplies from foreign students returning home for Christmas. Upon gathering all the donations we delivered them to COPE, in turn completing one of our main aims for this year.

We managed to increase our number of returning regular members and held more regular events which helped to build this group of members. We hope that many of these members will remain in the society for years to come. We did not host an international trip as was originally planned at the start of the year for the society, but we felt that we did hold an adequate number of events that we didn't need to do it and we focused instead on running good quality events at lower prices. This seemed to be effective although we have not totally forgotten about doing an International trip and it is something we may still hold in the future.

Overall, we were most pleased with how the running of the society turned out this year. We met the main aims we had and we are looking forward to future.

Greatest Success

Overall I would regard Rover Focus as our biggest success this year. Rover Focus is a national event for Rover Scouts aged 18-21 and this year we brought Rover Focus to Galway. Over 80 scouts descended on Galway for a weekend of activities and while our committee only just survived we succeeded in pulling off this huge event with maximum efficiency and great enthusiasm.

Rover Societies are now officially recognised by Scouting Ireland and with our effective planning, the event was a huge success for the society and was very good in demonstrating to Scouting Ireland how much we can contribute to Scouting here in Ireland.

Greatest Challenge

I believe our greatest challenge this academic year was to bring new members into the society and more importantly to keep them with us. The hardest part of managing any society of club is to have an active community base within the club/ society and to keep a fun and alive environment which makes members want to come back for more.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 16 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 13 committee members.

Rover Soc Alive Certificates		
<u>James McKeon</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	100 hours
<u>Conor McKinney</u>	Equipment Officer	200 hours
<u>Hannah Jansen</u>	Treasurer	250 hours
<u>James O'Connell</u>	Community Liasion Officer	400 hours
<u>Cathal Breathnach</u>	Auditor	300 hours
<u>Fionn Delahunty</u>	Logitics Officer	400 hours
<u>Cecile Collot</u>	Vice-Auditor	400 hours
# ALIVE Students:	7 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	2050 hours	

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 390 membres. 12 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Shoutout

Shoutouts work for the year is actually just beginning. During the year we were at socs day one. We then ran three different volunteering training evenings, submitted Garda Vetting and had a speaker in. During the rest of this school term, we will be doing workshops in schools in the west of Ireland.

ShoutOut Society Events list (9 Individual Events)

Assigned Male Talk and Discussion: Arts & Culture » Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 » 02nd October 2015

ShoutOut is organising a talk and discussion session from the creator of Assigned Male, a popular webcomic series. Sophie Labelle is a trans author and cartoonist. She is the artist behind Assigned Male, a webcomic focusing on trans issues and transfeminism. She will share her experience and the things she learnt during a talk and a discussion session. Come along to learn all about trans issues currently affecting the trans community and transfeminism. Tea and coffee will be provided for those attending.

Shoutout EGM: Social » Meeting Room 2, Aras na Mac Leinn » 28th October 2015

Shoutout Training Workshop: Training » SC200a » 25th November 2015

Shoutout is holding their first volunteer training workshop. Come down to NUI Galway and learn how we give workshops in secondary schools and talk to our committee about volunteering for workshops. We will be having a short Garda Vetting discussion with forms before the workshop begins. So come along on Wednesday the 25th of November at 6pm for Shoutout's

Volunteer Training! SC200a is located in the Arts Concourse besides Smokies, through the white doors marked "First Year Biology Laboratories".

Socs Day: Arts & Culture » Bailey Allen Hall » 13th January 2016

Sign up for Shoutout at Bailey Allen Hall

GLEN Presentation by Director or Education Policy Change: Seminar » Siobhan McKenna Theatre » 19th January 2016

Join Shoutout for a presentation by Sandra Irwin-Gowran, the Director of Education Policy Change at GLEN. We will be looking at the findings from the LGBTI research and how it reflects the changing needs of LGBT youth. There will be opportunity to ask Sandra Irwin Gowran questions about what policy change is needed and various other concerns.

Shoutout volunteer training: Training » Meeting Rooms, Aras na Mac Leinn » 15th March 2016

Shoutout is holding the first of its volunteer training workshops. Come along to find out more about what we do and our goals

Shoutout volunteer training: Training » Meeting Rooms, Aras na Mac Leinn » 15th March 2016

The second of shout out's volunteer training workshops. We train volunteers on how to give a workshop in secondary schools.

Workshop School: Seminar » Mayo, Westport, Secondary School » 11th April 2016

Shoutout will be going to Westport to give an anti bullying workshop to secondary school students

Shoutout AGM: Social » AC202, NUIG Concourse. » 12th April 2016

Shoutout is holding it's end of year AGM. The following positions will be up for election - Auditor, Vice Auditor, Treasurer, Secretary, PRO, OCM/

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Emily Elizabeth Gleeson

Secretary: Maria Nic Fhlatharta

OCM: Leah Heffernan

OCM: Dylan Oman

OCM: Mark Laherty

Treasurer: Siobhan Burke

PRO: Matthew O'Driscoll

Vice-Auditor: Pauric O'Connor

OCM: Rachael McCauley

OCM: Muireann O'Sullivan

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Emily Elizabeth Gleeson

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	439.83	Bank charge	€64.85
USC Grant	€500.00	Dinner/Food	€30.99
		Materials	€5.97
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€166.97
		Socs day expenses	€44.66
		Speaker travel	€23.00
		Expenditure Total	€336.44
		Closing Bank Balance	€603.39
Total	€939.83	Total	€939.83

Mission Statement

Shoutout works with secondary schools to make being LGBT in Ireland a little less difficult for kids. We raise awareness of issues relating to the LGBT community and allow for discussion to happen within secondary schools. We work towards an Ireland where we are not needed as young people are fully accepting and aware of the LGBT community in their school.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

To give young people a basic knowledge of LGBT issues

To help young people understand some of the effects of homophobia and transphobia

To build young people's awareness of how to support their LGBT friends

Society Performance Reflection

We have lots to work on

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

No

Greatest Success

We trained volunteers

Greatest Challenge

We didn't do a single workshop - reasons given transport.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 7 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 0 committee members.

Shoutout Alive Certificates		
<u>Pauric O'Connor</u>	Vice Auditor	20 hours
<u>Emily Elizabeth Gleeson</u>	Auditor	100 hours
<u>Siobhan Burke</u>	Treasurer	50 hours
<u>Maria Nic Fhlatharta</u>	Volunteer	15 hours
# ALIVE Students:	4 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	185 hours	
Sinn Fein Soc		

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 347 members. 1 committee member has completed the end of year survey.

Sinn Fein Soc

Ógra got off to a slow start this year but as our communication skills improved we succeeded in promoting the party on campus and raising the level of political awareness among students. We participated in campaigns and referenda related to issues relevant to students and also canvassed in the general election campaign for Trevor O'Clochartaigh. Sinn Féin's presence grew in NUI Galway, continuing to promote republicanism among students, providing a platform for students to become involved in left republican political activism

Sinn Fein Society Events list (11 Individual Events)

EGM and Campaign launch: Social » Aras na Gaeilge » 28th January 2016 We will be holding our EGM followed by a trip to Connemara for the launch of the Galway west election campaign

meeting: Social » Aras na Gaeilge » 25th February 2016

Weekly cumann meeting

Direct Provision Information night: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 02nd March 2016

A talk organised by NUIG students against Direct Provision, with speakers from Galway anti racism network and other groups

meeting: Social » Aras na Gaeilge » 03rd March 2016

Weekly cumann meeting to discuss politics and to plan events

meeting: Social » Aras na Gaeilge » 10th March 2016

Weekly cumann meeting to discuss politics and to plan events

Comhdáil na n-óg: Conference » Cork, cork city, UCC » 11th March 2016

Our trip to the annual Sinn Féin Republican Youth Comhdáil Náisiúnta for a weekend of debates with other young republicans.

meeting: Social » Aras na Gaeilge » 17th March 2016

Weekly cumann meeting to discuss politics and to plan events

meeting: Social » Aras na Gaeilge » 24th March 2016

Weekly cumann meeting to discuss politics and to plan events

meeting: Social » Aras na Gaeilge » 31st March 2016

Weekly cumann meeting to discuss politics and to plan events

meeting: Social » Aras na Gaeilge » 07th April 2016

Weekly cumann meeting to discuss politics and to plan events

meeting: Social » Aras na Gaeilge » 14th April 2016

Weekly cumann meeting to discuss politics and to plan events

Committee 2015/2016

Secretary: Conor Linehan

Vice-Auditor: Paul Kelly

Auditor: Brendan O'Connor

PRO: Donal Campbell

Treasurer: Gavin McGuire

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Gavin McGuire

Secretary: Sarah O'Gorman

Vice-Auditor: Paul Kelly

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	2,182.56	Bank charge	€23.40
		Dinner/Food	€30.00
		Society transport	€98.00
		Expenditure Total	€151.40
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,031.16
Total	€2,182.56	Total	€2,182.56

Mission Statement

To promote Sinn Féin and the values of republicanism in NUIG

Aims, Objectives & Goals

To work within Sinn Féin for the creation of a 32 county socialist republic and to participate fully with other societies on campus, and with Sinn Féin nationally

Society Performance Reflection

I feel like we could have done a lot more but for the behaviour of certain membership not to fulfill their duties. Nonetheless, I feel as though we had a successful year.

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

The successful resolution of the direct provision campaign, as well as our contribution to Trevor O Clochortaigh's general election campaign are two things I'm very proud of which simply wouldn't have happened without the work of the Sinn Féin Society.

Greatest Success

I believe our greatest success this year to be the result of the Direct Provision referendum. I was uncertain at first about the wisdom of running such a campaign but I became increasingly convinced at the righteousness of such a campaign as it progressed and I like to think the student body did too.

Greatest Challenge

I found the stress and strain of campaigning in the general election to be a tremendous challenge. The constant fighting and bickering of the various political bodies as they jostled for position was one factor but also the very demanding nature of the campaign and having to balance the demands of school with that of canvassing etc.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2016)

Completed by 4 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 5 committee members.

Sinn Fein Soc Alive Certificate		
<u>Donal Campbell</u>	Public Relations Officer	10 hours
<u>Paul Kelly</u>	Vice-Auditor	50 hours
<u>Ciaran Maher</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
NUIG Sinn Fein		
# ALIVE Students:	3 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	70 hours	

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 155 members. 2 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Skate Soc

The skate society was set up in September 2015. The society promotes different types of skating including longboarding and skateboarding. It brings together those who already have an intermediate/ advanced level of skating as well as those who have never tried it before and want to learn. We organize regular meet ups on campus and invite students to learn how to skate or improve their skate tricks. We have a facebook page to spread the word to people about different events. We organize cruises along the canal and Salthill promenade for long boarders.

Skate Society Events list (17 Individual Events)

Skate Soc AGM: Other » AM104 » 17th September 2015

Skate Soc AGM this Thursday 17th September!! We will elect a committee, so this is your chance to be part of the Skate Soc committee and help plan and organize events! We will also be talking about our events for throughout the year and if everyone brings their board we can go for a skate after (weather provided).

Skate Maintenance Workshop: Training » Arts Millennium Building » 01st October 2015

We will be teaching deck, truck and wheel maintenance as well as having a short presentation on skateboard types and sizes. (Email to mailing list)

Carving Workshop: Health & Lifestyle » Aras na Gaeilge » 08th October 2015

In order to promote a healthy lifestyle and a positive atmosphere around campus, Skate Soc is hosting a beginners carving workshop outside Aras na Gaeilge on Thursday from 11am. We will be outside with music and food and we are hoping to catch your attention so you'll come over for a quick skate lesson and a chat. See you there!

Skating Workshop: Social » Arts Millennium Building » 15th October 2015

Another event from your favourite society, this is your benevolent Auditor speaking (lol). We are teaching carving around cones like last week and we will have games of S.K.A.T.E for fun too. It's on Thursday from 2pm to 5pm outside the Arts Millennium Building and we will be going to the college bar afterwards for finger food and a scoop. We'd love to see new faces there! Bring a board if you have one, but we have lots for you to use here! We'd love to see new faces! Love Brian and all of skate soc xo

Skate Workshop: Social » Arts Millennium Building » 22nd October 2015

Weekly skate session outside the Arts Millennium building. (Pictures)

Petition for Millennium Skate Park: Survey » Smokey's Cafe » 26th October 2015

Just a day of free peanut butter 'n' jam sang-wiches, cheap biscuits and juice! Oh and also, sign our petition!!!We're holding a petition for an expansion on Millennium Skate Park so we're asking everyone to stop, have something to eat and gimme ya digits!

Movie Night - Lords of Dogtown: Social » IT125 » 29th October 2015

Lords of Dogtown screening on Thursday - IT125.(Room booking & email confirmation)

Skate Workshop (Weather permitting): Social » Arts Millennium Building » 05th November 2015

Skate sesh at the side of the Arts Millennium at the bottom of the Library stairs. Bad weather we can get pizza and watch a film.

Semester Party!: Social » College Bar, Back room » 12th November 2015

Semester Party with Rock Soc and Music Soc. Acts include Pandora's Fox, Joss Myers,& Conman.

Skate Soc Promotion: Social » NUIG » 14th December 2015

Ho Ho Ho Merry Christmas! Santa and his elves or elf will be going around college distributing goodie bags for all students during their stressful exams

Skate Soc Meeting: Other » AC204 » 11th January 2016

First meeting of the new year in which we'll discuss semester events, plan equipment spend and organise Socs Day. Everyone welcome - refreshments provided :D

Skate Soc Film: Social » AM107 » 14th January 2016

Skate Soc Movie Night in AM107! Sweets, popcorn and refreshments for everyone!

Tony Hawk Games Night: Social » AM108 » 20th January 2016

Tony Hawks video game night hosted with Video Game Soc! Food and refreshments on the night! AM107 7PM!!!!

Skate Session: Social » Arts Millennium (Outside) » 21st January 2016

Depending on weather we may or may not be having an ol skate today outside the Arts Millennium! If you see us, feel free to approach us and you can skate on our boards if you don't have one yourself.

Skate around: Social » Arts Millennium (Outside) » 25th February 2016

We're just going to have a skate around and have some fun!

End Of Year Party(with Rock Soc): Social » Galway, Newcastle, 38 Greenfields Road » 11th May 2016

It's an end of year party, hosted by Skate Soc and Rock Soc.

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Brian Dooley

Treasurer: Chuck Meehan

Web Master: James Houlihan

Secretary: Niamh O'Donoghue

Vice-Auditor: Ellen Kane

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Catherine Scanlon

Secretary: Samuel Benherrou Carroll

PRO: Shane Walsh

Vice-Auditor: Niamh O'Donoghue

Treasurer: Chuck Meehan

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Bank charge	€47.17
USC Grant	€720.00	Dinner/Food	€179.20
Total	€720.00	Equipment misc	€400.00
		Expenditure Total	€626.37
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€48.66
		Closing Bank Balance	€93.63
		Total	€720.00

Mission Statement

We aim to bring skateboarding as an everyday hobby to as many students as we possible can. It is important for us that skateboarding is brought into mainstay culture with students using boards to get to and from college and other places they need to do on a daily basis (this doesn't include nightclubs of course). However theses things are meaningless to Skate Soc if the environment in which we bring skateboarding to is unsafe and unfriendly.

In short we want people skating safely and happily with friend and foe alike as much as possible

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Our main goal since the moment we started talking about Skate Soc was to bring the hobby to people who have never done it before. We all know those people who say that they will never be able to do something and it's these people we want to get to. We know everyone can skate and we want to bring the hobby to as many people as we possibly can. It is important that we do this in safe and friendly environment where people feel welcome and included regardless of... anything!

To do this we've set ourselves some society goals.

These are:

1) Hold training session - 4 per semester.

- this we hope will give people a good basis for safe skating which will allow them to bring it into everyday life.

2) Organise non-skateboarding meet-ups to allow less confident members to meet other society members.

- create the friendly atmosphere we want as well as a sense of belonging to the society for everyone involved.

3) Improve Millennium Skate Park by working with local activists who are currently lobbying Galway City Council.

- this we feel is our end of year objective and it will make everything worthwhile for us.

Society Performance Reflection

The society did fantastically, considering it was only set up a few months ago. We secured 235 members. We hosted a range of events; from skate workshops to movie nights. We did a collaboration night with the Video Game Society and played skateboarding video games. It was a great night because the skate society members got to mix with those from video game society. We also did a collaboration with Rock society in the college bar. Different bands performed songs and the bar provided free food for the members that came along. Prizes were distributed to best dressed "skater boy" and "skater girl". When the weather permitted, we organized outdoor skate workshops where we taught students how to skate. We had a casual get together, ordered pizza and got to know each other better. The committee members portrayed good communication skills; we met frequently to have meetings and plan future events. A lot of work was put into the society by everyone. The committee members took on different roles and were always sure to help one another out when someone needed a hand.

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

Yes we did. We organized weekly skateboarding workshops in the area beside Arts Millennium. The committee and members brought along extra skateboards so that those who did not own one had a chance to learn. We supplied food and beverages to hungry skaters as many people stayed and practiced on the board for several hours. We got a great sense of fulfilment as many people who approached us had never stepped on a skateboard before, and they left the session being able to confidently cruise along on it. We succeeded in promoting skating as a hobby as well as a form of transport.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was achieving to sign-up so many members on societies day and getting recognised as a society. This is because the skate community in Galway and Ireland is considerably small in comparison to other countries. We feared that the society may not draw enough interest. Instead, both male and female students registered to be members and people of all levels; beginner, intermediate and advanced. The society brought together skaters who usually skated alone. They were able to meet other students with a similar interest. A facebook page was set up for the society and it made it easy for skaters to get a group of people together to go for a skate.

Greatest Challenge

The greatest challenge was organizing our end of year skate trip to Limerick skatepark. A lot of work had to be put in by the committee to plan a suitable day and time. The committee aimed to make the trip as affordable as possible for students. This was

difficult because a fee to rent the bus was required as well as park entry fee. Unfortunately the trip had to be cancelled because many members who wanted to go had work commitments. Therefore, the cost of the trip would have been too expensive per person.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 7 committee meetings.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 6 committee meetings.

Skate Soc		
<u>James Houlihan</u>	Web Master	20 hours
<u>Brian Dooley</u>	Auditor	20 hours
# ALIVE Students:	2 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	40 hours	

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 234 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Slainte Soc

Sláinte Society is the health promotion society of NUI Galway. We work towards reducing the fear and ideas children have of healthcare by running a Teddy Bear Hospital for almost 1300 primary school children. This year, we also ran many other events, raising awareness and funds for such issues as; cancer (through our Movember campaign), blood donation and positive mental health. Most recently, the committee organised a fundraiser night for the Paediatric Ward in University Hospital Galway.

Overall, we had a very successful session, led by Aoife Murray and Hannah Kielty. Our committee worked very well together to provide a very well run and well received Teddy Bear Hospital, as well as numerous other promotion and fundraising events.

Slainte Society Events list (7 Individual Events)

AGM: Other » SC004 CHARLES MC MUNN THEATRE » 16th September 2015

Our annual general meeting to elect a new committee for 2015/2016 and discuss events for the coming year.

NUIG Movember Launch Party: Charity » The College Bar » 28th October 2015

Movember comes back to NUIG bigger and better than ever!!! Get a nice, free, clean shave and look like you're 12 again before you start your Movember Journey. Raise funds and awareness for men's health. All Mo Bros and Mo Sistas welcome. FREE FOOD. Afterparty to be announced. See you there!

NUIG Tag Rugby Tournament: Charity » Presidents Lawn » 11th November 2015

NUIG Movember's team - The Tribes MoMen are delighted to bring you our inaugural Tag Rugby Tournament!!!! Taking place on November 11th in front of the Quad (College Green / President's Lawn). Teams of 7 (+ up to 5 subs, & minimum 3 girls) will compete for the coveted NUIG Mo Tag Rugby Trophy! We are trying to organise some very very special guests so fingers crossed! We won't give too much away just yet! Stay with the page for announcements! There will be a goodie bag for all competitors, food in the College Bar | NUI Galway & live music, plus free entry to all who partake with event partners Electric Garden & Theatre. We have some special prizes lined up for the winners!!! There will also be some skill challenges and games on

the day!TINO will also be organising some cool prizes on the evening!All this comes for the minimal donation entry fee of€10!
We already have 4 teams with their places confirmed! Message the Facebook page or comment on the event wall to confirm your teams place!

Movember Bake Sale: Charity » Clinical Skills Institute » 25th November 2015

Delicious treats for sale in the CSI as part of our Movember campaign! Please support!

NUIG Teddy Bear Hospital: Health & Lifestyle » Bailey Allen Hall » 21st January 2016

11th Annual Teddy Bear Hospital - 1200 primary school children will be bringing their sick teddies to our temporary hospital for treatment - all volunteers welcome to reassure them that the hospital is not a scary place!

NUIG Blood Drive: Health & Lifestyle » Bailey Allen Hall » 16th February 2016

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service are coming to Bailey Allen Hall On Tues, Wed, Thurs 16,17,and 18th Feb. Each day the donation clinic will run from 12pm-3:30pm. so be sure to pop in! Blood is in low supply in the country at the moment so there has never been a better time to donate! More info on our Facebook event

page:<https://www.facebook.com/events/1948732622017597/>Hope you see you all there! Slainte Soc

Friends reunion in aid of UCHG Children's Ward and TBH: Charity » Galway, Galway City, Electric Garden » 10th March 2016

Grab all your Friends, new, old and ones haven't seen in ages and get down to Electric on Thurs night! Tickets are only 5 euro with all proceeds going to UCHG Children's Ward and Teddy Bear Hospital. Tickets available from the Slainte Soc committee.More details on our Facebook event

Committee 2015/2016

- OCM:** Katie Lynam
- OCM:** Fiona Mulligan
- Treasurer:** Rebecca Moylan
- Gaelscoil Liaison Officer :** Aisling O'Leary
- Art Co- Director:** Liezel Ravenscroft
- OCM:** Helen Mannion
- OCM:** Niall Hanley
- OCM:** Genna Monahan
- OCM:** Sean Hartigan

- Auditor:** Aoife Murray
- Vice-Auditor:** Hannah KIELTY
- Secretary:** Sally Cahill
- Art Co- Director:** Saoirse Geoghegan
- Fundraising Officer:** Elizabeth Maher
- OCM:** Janice Neville
- OCM:** Sarah O'Connor
- Deputy Auditor:** Kate Rigney
- PRO:** Paul Whooley

Committee 2016/2017

- Co-Auditor:** Aoife Murray
- Auditor:** Aoife Murray
- Art Co-Director:** Liezel Ravenscroft
- Fundraising Officer:** Elizabeth Maher
- OCM:** Katie Lynam
- OCM:** Janice Neville
- OCM:** Sarah O'Connor
- OCM:** Fatmah Abdualah

- Secretary:** Sally Cahill
- Vice-Auditor:** Hannah KIELTY
- Art Co-Director:** Saoirse Geoghegan
- OCM:** Fiona Mulligan
- OCM:** Helen Mannion
- OCM:** Niall Hanley
- OCM:** Genna Monahan
- Gaelscoil Liaison Officer:** Aisling O'Leary

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	5,483.04	Apparel	€688.80

Fundraising	€636.57	Bank charge	€27.81
Sponsorship	€850.00	Dinner/Food	€130.00
USC Grant	€500.00	Entertainment	€10.73
		Fundraising / Charity	€1,060.00
		Makeup/Props	€565.60
		Expenditure Total	€2,482.94
		Closing Bank Balance	€4,986.67
Total	€7,469.61	Total	€7,469.61

Mission Statement

The society was established in 2005 to promote health in the National University of Ireland Galway amongst staff, students and the wider community. We do this by inviting guest speakers, raising funds for health related charities and organising large scale events such as blood drives, the Teddy Bear Hospital and events supporting Movember. Sláinte has a great impact on the NUIG student body. With Movember we encourage men to be open in discussing their health. Through Teddy Bear Hospital, we give young children from various schools around Galway early exposure to a health environment. Blood drives allow the staff and students a chance to give back to the community by donating blood. In the future we hope to expand our event calendar to include more mental and physical health awareness.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We aim to instil an awareness of health in the student body

We hope to raise funds for Irish charities such as Movember, and the University Hospital Galway

We wish to increase our number of members and reach a wider audience

We hope to introduce new events to our exciting calendar such as Organ Donation Week, and putting a great influence on positive mental health

Society Performance Reflection

The society had a very successful year, with a cohesive and cooperative committee working to organise several events. Our auditors, Aoife and Hannah led the committee very well and ensured that each committee member had the opportunity to contribute their individual talents to the running of the society. We have cooperated with hundreds of students on campus through our various events and their enthusiastic commitment as volunteers at Teddy Bear Hospital.

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

We believe that we have achieved our aims and objectives this year.

- Instil an awareness of health in the student body: we successfully raised awareness of Movember, male cancer awareness month and the importance of blood donation and looking after your mental health. Students contributed and benefited to and from these events.
- Raising funds; we achieved this aim by raising money for Movember through Tag Rugby tournaments, Movember moustache sponsorship and a bake sale. We also will be donating a sum of money to the Children's Ward in Galway following a raffle and night out in Electric Club in Galway city.
- Our numbers and the reach through the community and university was definitely increased, with nearly 1300 children attending the Teddy Bear hospital and students from all college courses volunteering and attending our events.

- We promoted positive mental health during the stressful exam period, when we left treats in the reading room to encourage students to "mind yourself and take a break"

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was most definitely the Teddy Bear Hospital. Teachers and parents alike were very complimentary of how the hospital was run this year, with a new set up and even larger volumes of children coming through our doors. The children love each and every minute of the event- from treating their bears, getting xrays and 'pawscriptions' and then of course the ever popular bouncing castles and face painting. Our committee worked tirelessly to organise the logistics of the event and to ensure that the event ran smoothly on the side of the volunteers and visitors.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge would also have to be the Teddy Bear Hospital and accommodating the volume of children in such a short period of time.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 18 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 16 committee members.

Slainte Soc Alive Certificates		
<u>Sally Cahill</u>	Committee Member	30 hours
<u>Rebecca Moylan</u>	Treasurer	20 hours
<u>Faqiha Asad</u>	Volunteer Teddy Bear Hospital	1 hours
<u>Niall Hanley</u>	Ordinary Committee Member.	18 hours
<u>Laoise Plunkett</u>	Volunteer	6 hours
<u>Janice Neville</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	30 hours
<u>Tara Garman</u>	Volunteer	5 hours
<u>Aoife Fitzgerald</u>	Volunteer	1 hours
<u>Genna Monahan</u>	OCM, fundraiser, sponsorship collector, general health promoting.	5 hours
<u>Paul Whooley</u>	Public Relations Officer	50 hours
<u>Elizabeth Maher</u>	Sponsorship and Fundraising Officer	30 hours
<u>Katie Lynam</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	150 hours
<u>Aoife Murray</u>	Auditor	200 hours
<u>Hannah Kiely</u>	Auditor	400 hours
<u>Niamh O'Connor</u>	Teddy Bear Hospital Volunteer	2 hours
<u>Lisa Flynn</u>	Teddy Bear Hospital Doctor	4 hours
<u>Liezel Ravenscroft</u>	Art Co-Director	26 hours
<u>Reiltin Ni Theimhneain</u>	Teddy Bear Hospital Volunteer	2 hours
<u>Orla Murray</u>	volunteer	6 hours
<u>Martina Moloney</u>	Teddy Bear Hospital Volunteer	12 hours
<u>Matthew Sheridan</u>	Teddy Bear Hospital Volunteer	4 hours

# ALIVE Students:	21 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	1002 hours	

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 652 members. 6 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Sober Society

The Sober Society is a group dedicated to promoting enjoyable and fruitful social activities that don't require alcohol in order to be successful or enjoyable. Successful events so far include Morning Galwayville, Funky Seomra, Monday Massage, Pop up theatre, Yoga.

Sober Society Events list (44 Individual Events)

Funky Seomra: Social » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 09th October 2015

Funky Seomra is a night club that includes not only amazing dance music, but massage areas, games areas, arts and crafts, chill out zone and delicious healthy cakes and snacks and herb teas. The event is held in the cube and the tickets are only 5E to members of Sober Soc who buy tickets in advance. Students and staff can become members of Sober Soc and avail of this cheap offer. Outsiders are welcome as this is a very popular event and they will pay 10E on the door.

EGM: Other » Art Room » 13th November 2015

EGM to elect Vice Auditor.

Monday Massage: Health & Lifestyle » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 18th January 2016

Mick Herron is available for reduced cost massage for students - 15E for Students 25E for Staff per half hour. He specialises in Massages, Physical therapy, Acupuncture, Shiatsu, Chair Massage, Indian Head Massage and more. He is an athlete and has a deep understanding of fitness and health, how to improve your body and how to heal it. Text or Call him at 0868378589

EGM: Other » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 22nd January 2016

We are holding our AGM to come up with new ideas and to vote committee members.

Monday Massage: Health & Lifestyle » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 25th January 2016

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Morning Galwayville: Social » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 27th January 2016

A morning dance and yoga event before College and work. There is a global awareness of the mental and physical health benefits in early morning dancing. Events are being held all over the world where people get up early and dance before work and it's becoming an extremely popular and common event in big cities. Dancing is a way to exercise, connect to your deepest self, to feel free, to let go of pent up energy and one of the best ways to start a day. We are organising this morning session for those of you who would like to "dance your way into the day" full of health and vitality. It is obviously a sober event and there will be yoga, massage, healthy snacks and drinks and all kinds of wonderful things there. The event starts at 6:30am – 10pm. Costs are 3E for students and 10E for others. DJs are will Softly, a renowned Irish, world music DJ based in Galway and MC Hector Ó hEochagáin. The Secret Garden will do herb teas and healthy snacks. Yoga with Paul Hardiman 7pm – 8:30pm - one energetic class and one deep slow stretchy class

Monday Massage: Health & Lifestyle » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 01st February 2016

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Monday Massage: Health & Lifestyle » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 08th February 2016

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Monday Massage: Health & Lifestyle » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 15th February 2016

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Monday Massage: Health & Lifestyle » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 22nd February 2016

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Pop up theatre: Social » cube » 23rd February 2016

A pop up theatre event

Funky Seomra: Social » Bank of Ireland Theatre » 27th February 2016

A sober Nite club with a difference. Check www.dancefree.ie for details

Monday Massage: Health & Lifestyle » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 29th February 2016

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Monday Massage: Health & Lifestyle » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 07th March 2016

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Monday Massage: Health & Lifestyle » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 14th March 2016

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Monday Massage: Health & Lifestyle » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 21st March 2016

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Monday Massage: Health & Lifestyle » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 28th March 2016

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Funky Seomra: Social » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 02nd April 2016

Funky Seomra is a sober night club that has great music and is lots of fun

Monday Massage: Health & Lifestyle » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 04th April 2016

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Monday Massage: Health & Lifestyle » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 11th April 2016

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Monday Massage: Health & Lifestyle » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 18th April 2016

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Monday Massage: Health & Lifestyle » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 25th April 2016

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Monday Massage: Health & Lifestyle » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 02nd May 2016

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Monday Massage: Health & Lifestyle » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 09th May 2016

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Monday Massage: Health & Lifestyle » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 16th May 2016

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Funky Seomra: Arts & Culture » Bank of Ireland Theatre » 21st May 2016

Sat Feb 21st Funky Seomra 9pm onwards. This is Ireland's most successful alcohol and drug free nightclub. "We're a heart club with a heart and soul, run like a mini festival". Highly attended in Dublin and Cork, we are hoping to generate an awareness of how much fun a night out can be without having a drink. This event includes massage, arts and healthy snacks and drinks. To date over 37,000 Irish people have attended with national and international coverage. It's 5E for students and 10E for others, tickets available at the Socs Box

Monday Massage: Health & Lifestyle » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 23rd May 2016

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Monday Massage: Health & Lifestyle » The Wellness Centre, The Hub. Áras na Mac Léinn » 30th May 2016

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Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Beau Holland
Treasurer: Martin Sharkey

Vice-Auditor: Gertrude Greaney
Secretary: Aisling Reidy

Committee 2016/2017

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Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0.00	Bank charge	€37.74
Socs box Till	€25.00	Entry fees	€10.00
Ticket Sales	€255.00	Materials	€135.00
USC Grant	€200.00	Teacher fees	€245.00
		Expenditure Total	€427.74
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€52.26
Total	€480.00	Total	€480.00

Mission Statement

We plan to run events that promote a culture that involves having fun and being social without needing alcohol or ending up with alcohol.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We will run a minimum of two Funky Seomra events, which is a sober night club that has great music, massage, herb teas and healthy desserts, chill out areas and much more. We will run a minimum of two pop up theatre events. We will link in with other groups to have tea gatherings, games nights and maybe a fun run.

Society Performance Reflection

We had a range of successful events including several night time dance events, a morning dance and yoga event, pop up theatre, weekly cheap massages for students, two newspaper editorials in the Galway Independent and Connacht Tribune and an overall awareness raised of the potential fun involved in sober activities.

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

Yes, for our first year, we achieved our aims, objectives and goals through our events, editorials and promotion.

Greatest Success

Awareness raising as a lot of students had fun and gained in many ways from our events.

Greatest Challenge

Students are interested but less inclined to participate in the organisation.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 3 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 4 committee members.

Sober Society Alive Certificates		
<u>Martin Sharkey</u>	Treasurer	20 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	20 hours	

Other Information

We held 2 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 145 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Social Democrats Society

The Social Democrats Society in its debutante year contributed to a plethora of different events and initiatives to promote student involvement in politics. This is epitomized by the success of the student voter drive where we played an active role in registering upwards of 300 students to register to vote for the upcoming General Election which took place at the end of February. In order to achieve this we made ourselves a familiar face on campus, at Smokies specifically promoting the importance of voting and having a say. These voting drives were concentrated in the early months of the Semester 1 before the deadline for registration to vote in November. Additionally, regular meetings were organised every Thursday at the Hub followed occasionally by some socialising in the Blue Note Pub for those interested in attending. The meetings mostly consisted of discussions regarding how to promote the principles of social democracy and how to engage with the student populous. We discussed the promotion of various policies that we considered important to us e.g. how to promote the Pro-Choice campaign, how to promote refugee rights and how to promote climate change among many other ideas.

The Society's concentration was firmly fixed on the General Election and promoting the party. A Battle of the Parties debate was organised by the society to facilitate discussion about the important issues. Speakers from each of the political societies on campus were invited to speak and talk about their party's aspirations. The aim of this event was to inform students of their political options and to assess who would accurately represent them. Attendance for the event was good and we were optimistic that people enjoyed the event too. During the election campaign we gave our weekly canvassing schedules for people who wanted to get involved in the campaign outside of campus. The committee were also heavily involved in canvassing and promoting the Social Democrats.

As the election approached, we set up a table at Smokies facilitating some of the queries students might have had about voting such as where to vote, how the Proportional System of Voting worked and so on.

Finally, The Social Democrats Society worked in conjunction with Cumann Sinn Fein and others in supporting a SU referendum on ending Direct Provision in Ireland. We made posters and leaflets and distributed them accordingly. This referendum was complementary to our fundamental beliefs as a society and were more than happy to help. The referendum passed overwhelmingly which was pleasing.

As a new society it was difficult for us to accommodate all the events that we had wished to hold. We has aspirations to host

movie nights and talk seminars about various political messages that we wanted to broadcast. We had aspirations to collect some clothes for Callias and to participate in Climate Change marches. However, due to the fact that we had obligations to the election, it wasn't feasible time wise for us to initiate such events. Furthermore, these ideas have given us a firm base from which to work on for next year.

Social Democrats Society Events list (14 Individual Events)

Voter Registration Drive: Other » Smokies Table, Concourse » 13th October 2015

The Social Democrats Society will have a weekly presence at Smokies Cafe. Our goal is to help students register to vote. We encourage everybody to swing by and pick up their registration form :)

Voter Registration Drive: Other » Smokies Table, Concourse » 15th October 2015

The Social Democrats Society will have a presence at Smokies Cafe. Our goal is to help students register to vote. We encourage everybody to swing by and pick up their registration form :)

Social Democrats E.G.M.: Other » Meeting Room 1, Aras na Mac Leinn » 19th January 2016

The EGM for the Social Democrats has been booked for 7 - 8:30 PM in meeting room 1 on Tuesday the 19th. Every position is open except for Auditor and Treasurer. The society encourages everybody to run for any position, and for those running to consider how much time they have to fulfil their role and to think about how they can best contribute, or changes they would like to make. We look forward to seeing you

Tags: EGM

Battle of the Parties!: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 20th January 2016

The Battle of the Parties invites the student branches of the main political parties to the Kirwan to pitch their vision for Ireland and her citizens. Co-hosted by the Social Democrats, Fianna Fail, Fine Gael and Sinn Fein, the battle of the parties hopes to be an informative night for students and a taste of the political discussion soon to come with the general election!

Tags: debate

Battle of the Parties: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 03rd February 2016

A co-hosted event between the four largest political soc on campus. Come in and have your say as we gear up for GE16

General Meeting - Let's Talk about Politics!: Social » Smokies Cafe » 03rd March 2016

General Meeting - Let's Talk about Politics!: Social » Smokies Cafe » 10th March 2016

General Meeting - Let's Talk about Politics!: Social » Smokies Cafe » 24th March 2016

General Meeting - Let's Talk about Politics!: Social » Smokies Cafe » 31st March 2016

General Meeting - Let's Talk about Politics!: Social » Smokies Cafe » 07th April 2016

General Meeting - Let's Talk about Politics!: Social » Smokies Cafe » 14th April 2016

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Maria Nic Fhlatharta

OCM: Ellie Parfrey Taylor

OCM : Ciara Molloy

Safety : Victoria Olukitibi

Secretary: Christina Lyons

OCM : Fiach Toibin

Treasurer: Ciaran Wallace

OCM: Andrew Forde

PRO : Odhran Donovan

Vice-Auditor: Christopher Kirwan

Committee 2016/2017

Secretary: Christina Lyons

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0.00	Bank charge	€48.73
USC Grant	€300.00		
		Expenditure Total	€48.73
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€51.50
		Closing Bank Balance	€221.27
Total	€300.00	Total	€270.00

Society Performance Reflection

We achieved our goal of promoting and encouraging student involvement in politics and we succeeded in promoting the social democrats. The student body were very supportive by our cause and attendance at our events and the general decorum of the people we talked to was indicative of our success as a society. This was especially impressive considering it was our first year in operation on campus.

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

Yes, we achieved our goal of establishing a Social Democrat community in Galway. This is shown by the remarkable campaign Niall Ó Tnuthail ran in the General Election. The response to our aims as a party were overwhelmingly positive. We achieved our aim of encouraging intellectual debates about politics with our Battle of Party's event which gave students a platform in general to talk about what mattered to them the most. We achieved our aim of promoting political involvement with our voting drives and our successful role in the Direct Provision referendum.

Greatest Success

Our Greatest success would be the mobilisation of young people to get involved in politics and to get out and be heard. This was epitomised by our Battle of the Party's event which had a respectable attendance and our successful voter drive where we helped register a substantial amount of people to vote in the General Election.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge was to get people mobilised to get interested in canvassing for the General Election campaign. As a new society it was hard to get people passionate about the party enough to join the campaign outside of campus despite the great reception our policies were receiving. In general, there were a lot of impediments to this. A sizeable proportion of our members were final years/Masters students and would therefore have a limited amount of time to volunteer for the general election. However, the General Election itself is a once in 5 year event so the problems associated with mobilising people to canvass wouldn't be an issue in subsequent years. Additionally, as a new society these difficulties were to be expected because we simply didn't have as visible a presence until this year.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 2 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 1 committee member.

Social Democrats Society Alive Certificates		
<u>Fiach Toibin</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	70 hours
<u>Victoria Olukitibi</u>	Safety Officer	70 hours
<u>Ciaran Wallace</u>	Treasurer	60 hours
<u>Christina Lyons</u>	Secretary	120 hours
<u>Ellie Parfrey Taylor</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	35 hours
<u>Maria Nic Fhlatharta</u>	Auditor	120 hours
<u>Ciara Molloy</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	35 hours
<u>Odhran Donovan</u>	Public Relations Officer	70 hours
# ALIVE Students:	8 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	580 hours	

Other Information

We held 22 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 190 members. We have yet to complete the end of year survey.

Speech and Language

The Speech and Language Therapy society is a small society made up mostly, but not exclusively, of students from the Speech and Language Therapy course in NUIG. Our course is quite an intense one, with a heavy workload. Our events provide students with a way to relax, socialise and make new friends. In addition we try to get involved with any speech and language therapy events happening and to inform our members of these events that could be useful to them. We also organise events to raise both awareness and money for organisations related to speech and language therapy. We also organise and host an annual graduate night in which past SLT students come back to present about their journey from college to the workplace. Although our course and the various placements we all have to complete, our society strives to organise events throughout the year.

Speech and Language Society Events list (9 Individual Events)

EGM and movie night!: Other » Lecture Room 3, Aras Moyola » 21st September 2015

Speech and Language Therapy society are hosting our EGM at 7pm MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER in Lecture Room 3, Aras Moyola. We will be looking for first and second year reps to volunteer to become part of our committee. After the formalities we will be watching The King's Speech and you are more than welcome to come along to meet students in other years.

Halloween Bake Sale: Charity » Coffee Dock, Aras Moyola » 22nd October 2015

The Speech and Language Therapy society will be holding a Halloween Bake Sale in aid of ADHD. All proceeds will go towards the selected charity. Come join us in the Coffee Dock on the top floor of Aras Moyola for tea, coffee and some Halloween themed treats from 10am - 2pm!!

Games Night and Selective Mutism Awareness Fundraiser!: Charity » Lecture Room 3, Aras Moyola » 03rd November 2015

The SLT soc are holding a games night next Tuesday 3rd of November. We will have a mini table quiz and lots of family favourite board games for all to enjoy. This event is being held to raise awareness and funds for Selective Mutism. SLT students from years 1-4 have agreed to go mute for 24 hours from Monday 2nd at 8pm to Tuesday 3rd at 8pm. A my charity page will be available for donations to be made. We hope to see lots of you there to support this worthy cause, should be an enjoyable evening!P.s. There will be goodies!!

Grad Night!: Other » To be Confirmed » 17th November 2015

We are delighted to announce that the 3rd annual Grad Night will be taking place on Tuesday 17th of November starting at 6.45pm. Each Grad Night we invite past NUIG Speech and Language Therapy students back to NUIG to talk about their experiences post-university. We will have tea, coffee and sandwiches on the evening. Looking forward to a very informative and enjoyable evening!

AGM!: Other » Aras Moyola » 07th March 2016

All welcome! We will have some pizza to celebrate the new committee! See you there

Pizza and Games night with American students!: Social » Aras Moyola » 09th March 2016

The SLT soc will be holding a pizza and games night to welcome our American students to NUIG! Hope to see lots of you there! Room to be confirmed.

Short film and pizza lunch!: Social » Aras Moyola » 15th March 2016

SLT soc will be playing Oscar winning Irish short film 'Stutterer' for SLT students at lunch on Tues 15th @ 1pm. We will also have PIZZA for those who are there! Hope to see lots of you there! Room to be confirmed.

Pizza and bonding!: Other » Aras Moyola » 05th April 2016

Last event of the year! We will kick off the evening with pizza in Aras Moyola at 8.30pm (Room to be confirmed) and then move elsewhere for some end of year bonding! Location to be decided closer to the evening. Hope to see you all there! Love SLT soc

Committee 2015/2016

Second Year Rep: Micheal MacDonnacha

Vice-Auditor: Elaine Higgins

Secretary: Grainne Curtin

PRO: Lorraine Ryan

PRA: Aideen Naughton

First Year Rep: Sadhbh Prendiville-Brown

Auditor: Rita Linehan

Treasurer: Frances Creaven

Vice Treasurer: Ailis Gavin

Fourth Year Rep: Orla Gately

Third Year Rep: Ciara Corbett

Committee 2016/2017

Treasurer: Micheal MacDonnacha

Vice-Auditor: Ailis Gavin

Secretary: Linda Kearns

Second Year Representative: Sarah Dunphy

Vice Treasurer: Elizabeth O'Brien

Third year representative: Ciara Moran

Auditor: Ciara Corbett

Vice Secretary: Orlaith Cusack

Public Relations Assistant: Shana Gleeson

Fourth year representative: Sarah Mullins

Public Relations Officer: Sarah McAlister

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€-8.65	Bank charge	€23.97
Fundraising	€416.14	Entertainment	€284.07
USC Grant	€1,500.00	Fundraising / Charity	€416.14
Total	€1,907.49	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€371.51
		Socs day expenses	€10.91
		Speaker accomm	€69.00
		Speaker travel	€190.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,365.60
		Closing Bank Balance	€541.89
		Total	€1,907.49

Mission Statement

The Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) Society NUIG strives to provide a friendly and welcoming platform of communication for all its members. We aim to raise both awareness and donations through fundraising for SLT related causes.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- Provide a medium for communication between all year groups of the NUIG Speech and Language Therapy course
- Raise awareness for SLT related causes
- Raise money through fundraising for SLT related causes

Society Performance Reflection

This year the society has had a successful year. We organised and held many events for our members that we believed promoted friendships and helped our members gain useful information. A full committee was elected and our goals were achieved. All first semester was the societies busiest time as in second semester, all member of the society are on placement at some stage of the semester. We held games nights, movie nights, fundraising events, graduate information night and event held a day in which volunteers remained mute to raise awareness for selective mutism. Our events seemed to be successful and at our AGM meeting we successfully elected a new committee for the coming year who are sure to continue this success and help the society develop.

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

Our main goal was to provide a medium for communication between all year groups of the NUIG Speech and Language Therapy course. In each of our events we had students attending from all years and everyone seemed to bond! This was helped by our different games and movie nights throughout the year. Our other goals involved raising both awareness and money for SLT related causes. In the first semester we raised €314.12 for HADD Ireland and €264.93 for Selective Mutism Information and Research Association.

Greatest Success

This year we held our annual grad night in which past graduates for the SLT course in NUIG travelled from different parts of Ireland to come to talk to us about their journeys from college to the working world. It provided students from all years of the course that there is light at the end of the tunnel and that all the hard work in college pays off in the end! We had 6 graduates attend and provide information from different areas we can work in. The information gained was invaluable and all members who attended seemed to enjoy the night and appreciate the efforts and organising completed by the society. This event have hugely successful and would definitely be regarded as the society's greatest success this year.

Greatest Challenge

The biggest challenge for our society involved the financial aspect of organising and hosting events. We were informed that in managing the society's bank account, the members of the committee should never have to use their own money to pay for events however, unfortunately this was not the case. In regards to our biggest event, the Grad night, despite best efforts of the committee, including various visits to the Socs Box, 3 members of the committee were left in a position of having to fund €350 on the night to ensure that the event went ahead. There have been other examples of this occurring as well however that was the largest amount of money. We are a very small society looking for relatively small amounts of money and perhaps a better way to organise funding needs to be in place to ensure that this does not continue to happen.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 11 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 11 committee members.

Speech and Language Alive Certificates		
<u>Grainne Curtin</u>	Secretary	45 hours
<u>Orla Gately</u>	Representative	40 hours
<u>Rita Linehan</u>	Auditor	55 hours
<u>Lorraine Ryan</u>	Public Relations Officer	40 hours
<u>Ailis Gavin</u>	Vice Treasurer	40 hours
<u>Shana Gleeson</u>	Volunteer	5 hours
<u>Micheal MacDonnacha</u>	Second Year Representative	40 hours
<u>Claire Donnelly</u>	Volunteer	5 hours
<u>Sadhbh Prendiville-Brown</u>	1st Year Class Representative	40 hours
<u>Elaine Higgins</u>	Vice-Auditor	50 hours
<u>Ciara Corbett</u>	3rd Year Representative	40 hours
<u>Aideen Naughton</u>	PRA	40 hours
# ALIVE Students:	12 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	440 hours	

Other Information

We held 9 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 231 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

St. Vincent de Paul

Committee 2015/2016

Vice-Auditor: Caitriona Eames

Secretary: Brigid Fox

Events Officer: Isobel Gregg

OCM: Peter Kelly

Treasurer: Yolanda Ndlovu

Auditor: Louise Keogh

Public Relations Officer: Niamh Griffin

Facilities Officer: Meabh Ni Ruanai

OCM: Lisa McLoughlin

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Peter Kelly

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,217.75	Bank charge	€28.37
Total	€1,217.75	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€50.56
		Socs day expenses	€60.00
		Expenditure Total	€138.93
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€163.66
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,078.82
		Total	€1,217.75

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- This year in SVP we aim to have a more active presence on campus. We aim to spread the word about SVP and how we try to give back to our community.
- To branch out from typical fundraising activities.
- We hope to get the students of this university and particularly young people interested in volunteering.
- Mainly, we hope to help out as much as we can with regard to supporting the less fortunate in our society.

Society Performance Reflection

I believe the society of Saint Vincent de Paul did very well in providing awareness of the situation of Irish poverty and the requirements through which to combat this problem. For the upcoming academic year I believe the society can strive to do a few more events throughout the year.

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

From the proposed events at the beginning of the year the SVP society have thus achieved all of our aims, objectives and goals with successful results.

Greatest Success

I would regard the food collection organised with the help of the NUI Galway chapel as the greatest success in the year since it saw a huge amount of donations that was warmly welcomed by the main office of SVP in Galway.

Greatest Challenge

I would regard the organising of events as the greatest challenge as it required having everyone available at certain times to partake and oversee certain necessities. Also worth mentioning is that everyone had many ideas on what we could do throughout the year but the society had only a limited time in which to achieve a large amount.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 9 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 1 committee member.

St. Vincent de Paul ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Yolanda Ndlovu</u>	Fundraiser	1 hours
<u>Aoife Collins</u>	Volunteer	21 hours
<u>Caitriona Eames</u>	Vice Auditor	18 hours
# ALIVE Students:	3 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	40 hours	

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 285 members. We have yet to complete the end of year survey.

Students for Health Equality

Students for Health Equality is a society in NUI Galway, dedicated to creating awareness of inequalities in health care provision among persons of differing backgrounds such as race, gender, sexuality or age. We aim to educate the student body and staff of NUI Galway on equality in provision and access to healthcare, both abroad and in Ireland, through a combination of campaigns, debates, speakers and panel discussions. We aim to work together with other NUI Galway societies and campus groups in 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 licensing.

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

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Evelyn Fennelly

Treasurer: Sonja Moore

Public Relations Officer: Sarah Ghnaim

Ordinary Committee Member: Cathal Donovan

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0.00	Bank charge	€79.76
USC Grant	€898.00	Dinner/Food	€49.09
		Equipment misc	€4.47
		Materials	€30.22
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€329.57
		Printing	€15.00
		Society transport	€336.70
		Socs day expenses	€9.00
		Expenditure Total	€853.81
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€44.19
Total	€898.00	Total	€898.00

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We hope to host events that inform and challenge NUI Galway students to think about matters of equality in health care service and provision. We hope to raise the profile of Students for Health Equality on campus through improved promotion of events and collaboration with other societies and groups.

Society Performance Reflection

Students For Health Equality is a small Society within NUIG who aspires to throw light on Health issues and the inequalities at both a local and global level. The committee this year comprises of mainly medical students in their clinical years of training. An aim during the year was to engage more pre-clinical year medical students and non-medical students with the society. This was successfully achieved to some degree and we were very fortunate to have a very enthusiastic PRO from the Arts Faculty who was able to help us achieve this.

While the society remains among one of the smaller on the campus there is definitely a space for it. It provided a space for thought-provoking and attitude-challenging discussion for all members of the NUIG community. Going forward the society will hopefully flourish, as a stand alone society and in conjunction with others, our UAEM connection being very important.

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

A number of events were hosted during semester 1 and 2 with an emphasis on Healthcare equality issues, but not limited to this. We held small discussion groups and while attendance remained small the topics we touched on were relevant and engaging.

Greatest Success

Auditor, Sonja Moore, spearheaded the idea of 'Tea and Chats' and this was very successful for the society. Hopefully this will be built on next year as it's a great opportunity for people to get together in a relaxed environment and discuss healthcare and societal inequality topics that might otherwise be furiously debated in another setting

Greatest Challenge

The challenge for SFHE still remains in growing its membership base and attracting more NUIG community members. Our aim is to continue to try and overcome this by attracting more pre-clinical medicine and non-medicine students. Also we find it very difficult to coordinate a successful socs day due to time constraints during the day for members in clinical medical years.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 12 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 12 committee members.

Students for Health Equality Alive Certificates		
<u>Cathal Donovan</u>	Public Relations Officer	28 hours
<u>Rosemary James</u>	Fundraiser	30 hours
<u>Evelyn Fennelly</u>	Vice-Auditor	60 hours
# ALIVE Students:	3 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	118 hours	

Other Information

We held 1 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 264 members. We have yet to complete the end of year survey.

Students for Sensible Drug Policy SSDP

Students for Sensible Drug Policy is an international grassroots network of students who are concerned about the impact drug abuse has on our communities, but who also know that the War on Drugs is failing our generation and our society. SSDP mobilizes and empowers young people to participate in the political process, pushing for sensible policies to achieve a safer and more just future, while fighting back against counterproductive Drug War policies, particularly those that directly harm students and youth.

Events

No events posted to the calendar

Committee 2015/2016

Public Relations Officer: Ciaran Maher

OCM: James Ryan

Secretary: George Waweru

Auditor: Ryan Morrison

Vice-Auditor: Clíodhna Bairead

Treasurer: Ned Walsh-Roberts

OCM: Ciaran Guy

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Ciaran Maher

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	545.22	Bank charge	€51.25
USC Grant	€500.00	Dinner/Food	€109.00
		Entertainment	€30.00
		Hoodies	€100.00
		Materials	€181.25
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€55.00
		Prizes	€10.50
		Expenditure Total	€537.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€508.22
Total	€1,045.22	Total	€1,045.22

Mission Statement

Students for Sensible Drug Policy is an international grassroots network of students who are concerned about the impact drug abuse has on our communities, but who also know that the War on Drugs is failing our generation and our society.

SSDP mobilizes and empowers young people to participate in the political process, pushing for sensible policies to achieve a safer and more just future, while fighting back against counterproductive Drug War policies, particularly those that directly harm students and youth.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

SSDP neither condones nor condemns drug use, rather we respect the right of individuals to make decisions about their own health and well-being. We encourage honest conversation about the realities of the drug war. We promote youth civic engagement as a critical tool in reforming drug policy. SSDP respects the diverse experiences and identities of our constituents. We develop leaders who advocate for policy changes based on justice, liberty, compassion and reason.

Goals for the year include:

- Setting up task force for for March 2015's referendum that passed
- Introducing a new referendum in March 2016 for the decriminalization of drugs
- Bringing a number of committee members to New York for the UN General assembly in April 2016

Society Performance Reflection

We achieved our biggest goal and achieved others that were not thought up at the start of the college year.

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

We introduced the decriminalisation of drugs referendum in March.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was the introduction of the referendum. Shortly after, the USI adopted a similar approach on a national level. We as a committee feel NUIG's position on this matter influenced the USI decision.

Greatest Challenge

The greatest challenge for the committee this year was getting making sure that the students in NUIG were knowledgeable enough on the issue of decriminalisation in order to cast an educated vote.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 8 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 6 committee members.

Students for Sensible Drug Policy SSDP Alive Certificates		
<u>Ciaran Guy</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	80 hours
<u>Ciaran Maher</u>	PRO	20 hours
# ALIVE Students:	2 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	100 hours	

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 300 members. We have yet to complete the end of year survey.

Style Society

Our society is for anyone with an interest in style, fashion, make-up, creativity or maybe you just want to make some new friends! We encourage both guys and gals to join! We're very open, we're always delighted to welcome new people and don't be afraid to bring your friends. We hold regular meetings throughout the year and new ideas are always welcome everybody has a say in how the society is run! This year we have incorporated makeup into our society which has been fantastic, throughout the year we host fun events in collaboration with other societies such as Photo Soc and Dansoc. We have a wide social media fanbase and we are constantly updating our Facebook page and other social media.

Style Society Events list (10 Individual Events)

Swap Shop: Social » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 07th October 2015

Want to swap your old clothes for some fabulous new ones? Come along to The Stage between 12 and 5pm where there will be Pre-loved sale rails, a live DJ and food available all day. The swap shop is your chance to be stylish in an ethical and sustainable way as you can swap, buy or sell clothing and give money to charity at the same time.

Chinese Whispers for Mental Health Week: Health & Lifestyle » Outside the Library » 08th October 2015

Come along to our massive game of Chinese Whispers outside the concourse today. As part of Mental Health Week, Style Society wants to raise awareness through the idea that "a problem shared is a problem halved". We have an Electric band to give away to one lucky participant and sweets for everyone else ;)

Members' meeting: Social » College Bar, Back room » 09th November 2015

Members' meeting on in the College Bar at 7pm. Come along for some free pizza and to find out all about our upcoming projects and hopefully get some idea's of you guys too!! All welcome, whether you are a frequent attender of Style Soc or just wanna come along for the first time and check out what we are up to :)

Swap Shop: Health & Lifestyle » The View Áras na Mac Léinn » 11th November 2015

CCAFS and Style Soc are hosting a clothes swap! That pile of old clothes in the back of your closet? Bring them along to the View on the 11th of November and you might just find them a loving new home. For every old piece of unwanted clothing you bring , you can swap it for a fabulous new piece!! There'll be a live DJ, refreshments, pizza and henna being done you keep you entertained while you make your swaps. Hope to see you and your tired old clothes there

Photoshoot Workshop: Arts & Culture » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 09th December 2015

Collaboration with Photosoc. Clothes provided by Public Romance

Tags: workshop, photography, fashion, photoshoot

Strictly Come Dansoc: Charity » Bailey Allen Hall Aras na Mac Leinn » 09th March 2016

Devil Wears Prada Movie Night: Social » To be decided » 05th April 2016

A stylish welcome back after easter. Style soc welcomes all members to relax after the first day and forget about those exam blues by watching one of the most stylish films. The Devil Wears Prada. Venue to be announced still- but watch out for email notifications. Food will be supplied on the night!

Committee 2015/2016

Secretary: Caoimhe Curran

Auditor: Caoimhe Prior

Social Media Coorinator: Emma Langan

Vice-Auditor: Sarah Naughton

Treasurer: Georgia Feeney

OCM: Ciara Hickey

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Caoimhe Prior

Secretary: Caoimhe Curran

Events Manages/Safety Officer: Georgia Feeney

Vice-Auditor: Sarah Naughton

Treasurer: Lia Higgins

Public Relations Officer: Sarah Collins

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	380.90	Bank charge	€26.20
		Expenditure Total	€26.20
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€354.70
Total	€380.90	Total	€380.90

Mission Statement

Our society welcomes anyone with an interest in style, fashion, photography, writing , make-up and event organization. Our society is all about creativity and we welcome any ideas on events, our blog or any suggestion for the society in general. We are always looking for members to get involved as with this society the more ideas generated results in the more events we have to organize.

Everyone is welcome!!

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- Organize events which are of interest to our members.
- Raise money for charity.
- Encourage creativity with regard to events, blog posts and social media.
- To become more well known as a fun creative society around college.

Society Performance Reflection

This year we expanded the Society to incorporate a new element. After being approached by Sarah Naughton who wanted to set up her own makeup society we decided to be clever and use the resources our two societies would have and to collaborate. This expansion meant that we had a bigger committee and an increased fan-base because before that we mainly focused on style.

It was a hard year for stye soc. On the plus side, we are thrilled with our new friendships with other societies eg. dance soc, photosoc and ccafs to name a few. This was mainly done through collaborating with them, communicating more and getting involved more with their events, whether it be through our society work or just for pleasure.

However due to the rough start in September and larger committee this year as opposed to last year we felt that not every was committed as they should be. This made it harder for the society to take on wide scale events and follow through on ideas.

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

- Joined up with The Make-up Society.
- Expanded our committee.
- Collaborated with another Society.
- Became more known and credible as a society throughout college.

Greatest Success

So far our greatest success this semester would be getting our name more out there. Incorporating the idea of makeup into our society was a huge success and opened up our society to a lot of possibilities. Sarah our vice auditor, who is also a qualified makeup artist, helped out at any events that societies needed regarding makeup. Societies would tell us all the time how hard it is to find a makeup artist to volunteer to do makeup and how nice it finally was to have someone within the college they could rely on.

We decided to use our social media to draw more attention to our society. We posted regular posts and competitions such as a fifty euro voucher for Brown Thomas. Our facebook page had more than 70 likes in two days just from this competition.

We liked that we got to know our fellow societies better. This is not only good because it's important to have a strong relationship with our societies but also to help our future committee members who will take over and these connections will already be established for them. We collaborated with CCAFS for the Swap Shop, helped Photosoc out with their workshop and assisted dance soc with their strictly come dancing event. We particularly liked collaborating with CCAFS. We collaborated with the CCAFS in organizing a Swap Shop where people could come and swap clothes in order to raise awareness of unethical manufacturing of clothing. We particularly liked this event because it had a different perspective and taught us the importance of getting more involved and helping other societies where we can.

Greatest Challenge

Last year we had a small but very strong committee. This year our committee is much bigger and unfortunately not everyone is equally interested in giving it their all as oppose to the rare few who do. We can only hope that future committee members will be more selective in who they decide to represent their society and that each society role is explained thoroughly at elections so that the committee member can act on their own intuition.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 6 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 6 committee members.

Style Society ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Georgia Feeney</u>	Treasurer	120 hours
<u>Caoimhe Prior</u>	Auditor	250 hours
<u>Caoimhe Curran</u>	Secretary	80 hours
<u>Emma Langan</u>	Social Media Co-ordinator	132 hours
<u>Sarah Naughton</u>	Volunteer	600 hours
# ALIVE Students:	5 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	1182 hours	

Other Information

We held 16 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 306 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Suas Society

Suas is a registered charity which provides educational support to disadvantaged children within Ireland and globally. The Suas society in NUI, Galway also runs educational programmes on health, debt, education etc. which people are encouraged to participate in. These courses offer a wider perspective on the global community and global issues.

Suas Society Events list (3 Individual Events)

Committee meeting: Conference » Foyer of Bailey Allen Hall » 09th November 2015

Suas Society Meeting: Charity » Aras na Mac Leinn » 26th January 2016

Welcome back to Semester 2. Want to get involved with the SUAS society? Come and join us Tuesday evening from 6-7pm in Aras Na Mac Leinn. All new members welcome.

Suas Meeting: Social » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 04th February 2016

Begin planning a fundraiser for the end of February. Bring along any ideas you have. If you want to get involved with Suas this semester, then join us on Thursday evening at 6 pm!!

Committee 2015/2016

PRO: Katie Halpin

OCM: Cathy Gormley

Vice-Auditor: Amy Rudall

Treasurer: Nicola Stack

Auditor: Katie Rogers

Secretary: Charlotte Bauer-Dowling

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Katie Rogers

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,885.41	Bank charge	€30.10
USC Grant	€500.00	Expenditure Total	€30.10
Total	€2,385.41	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,355.31
		Total	€2,385.41

Mission Statement

To educate, engage and inspire the students of NUIG and the children involved in our programmes

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- To provide opportunities for NUIG students to learn about global issues through our global issues course and our 8 x 8 festival
- To encourage NUIG students to volunteer
- To enhance the education of children struggling with literacy in Ireland and India
- To raise money for our programmes

Society Performance Reflection

The society managed to educate many people on global issues at the 8x8 festival. As a society we also managed to gather many volunteers from the university (NUIG) who aided in enhancing the education of children struggling with literacy in Ireland. Throughout both semesters volunteers were in primary schools in the Claddagh N.S and in Tirellan. These volunteers gave their time to help children, who were struggling with literacy, to complete their required reading for school and also their homework.

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

We achieved most of our aims, objectives and goals this year, including providing opportunities for NUIG students to learn about global issues at the 8x8 festival. We also managed to gain many people in the society to volunteer in national primary schools in the local area. We did not, however, manage to send anyone to India this year to aid children struggling with literacy, nor did we raise any monies.

Greatest Success

Convincing many NUIG students of the fantastic opportunity that is helping children with literacy difficulties to read etc. We had many volunteers, especially in the first semester, who went to the local national schools and helped primary school aged children with their reading and homework.

Greatest Challenge

Fundraising monies for the Suas charity.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 4 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 2 committee members.

Suas Society Alive Certificates		
<u>Rebecca Youdell</u>	Literacy Support Mentor	8 hours
<u>Karen Butler</u>	Literacy Support Mentor	10 hours
<u>Leanne Maher</u>	Paired reading mentor	6 hours
<u>Katelinn Hogan</u>	Homework Club Volunteer	24 hours
<u>Yolanda Ndlovu</u>	Literacy Support Mentor	8 hours
<u>Katie Rogers</u>	Auditor	12 hours
<u>Katie Halpin</u>	Literacy Support Volunteer	15 hours
<u>Kamila Los</u>	Volunteer	2 hours
<u>Charlotte Bauer-Dowling</u>	Secretary, Literacy Support Mentor	10 hours
<u>John Ivory</u>	Volunteer	8 hours
# ALIVE Students:	10 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	103 hours	

Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 521 members. 5 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Surgical Society

NUIG Surgical society this year has been active in a number of projects and events. In Semester 1 it undertook nearly weekly sessions where it taught students Suturing and knot tying skills in collaboration with surgeons from NUHG, this continued on into weekly meetings on a Monday for the committee to discuss the week ahead and weekly Wednesday sessions in Semester 2 where students' skills were honed for their potential future careers. It has also represented NUIG medical school at a community level through mini med school, where TY students were taught basic surgical skills. The society is also in preparation at the moment to compete in the national RCSI surgical competition once students from the college have been selected. The society has also promoted surgery and encouraged social interaction between its members not only at the weekly events but also at much larger occasions such as the EGM, Surgical Specialities night it held where surgeons were brought in to discuss their roles followed by a society night out. There has also been keen interest in research within the society and at the moment the committee and a number of other members are partaking in an Explore research project with one of the Surgeons from NUHG. The society's hopes to continue on, not only representing NUIG at a local and national level but to endeavour to provide a higher service to its members for the rest of the semester as well as for the years to come.

Overall the Committee Led by Tingyi Koh and Paul Choi worked hard and well together, and have enjoyed the short session to promote knowledge of Surgery in Nuig.

Surgical Society Events list (26 Individual Events)

Surgical Society EGM: Other » Aras na Mac Leinn - The View » 23rd September 2015

Suturing Workshop 1: Training » Comerford Room 105 » 05th October 2015

Doctors in Training (DIT) Information Session: Seminar » MY243- Aras Moyola » 12th October 2015

Doctors in Training is giving an introductory information session to medical students who are planning on writing the USMLE, exam medical students need to write if they want to practice medicine in the US. This will be a guest speaker from the Doctors in Training program coming in and giving a short ppt presentation and having Q&A at the end of the presentation. After the event, there will be refreshment so we need the foyer of some sort.

Suturing Workshop 2: Training » Comerford Room 105 » 21st October 2015

Students will have a chance to learn two most basic but essential skills required in the field of surgery - suturing and knot-tying. The suturing and knot-tying workshops will run simultaneously by two surgical tutors. RSVP necessary.

Suturing Workshop 3: Training » Comerford Room 105 » 28th October 2015

Students get to learn how to suture and knot-tie.

Suturing & Knot-tying Workshop: Training » Comerford Room 105 » 13th January 2016

Suturing & Knot-tying Workshop: Training » Comerford Room 105 » 20th January 2016

Suturing & Knot-tying Workshop: Training » Comerford Room 105 » 21st January 2016

Suturing 1 and Knot - tying Workshops (CSI Room 303): Training » Clinical Science Institute » 03rd February 2016

"Mini Med School" - Collaboration with CancerSoc: Training » Aras Moyola » 10th February 2016

This year, we are helping out with "Mini Med School" which is an event organised by NUIG's Cancer Society. We will be teaching TY students how to suture and knot - tie!

Suturing 2 & Knot - tying (Comerford Suite Rm 105): Training » Clinical Science Institute » 17th February 2016

Suturing 1 & Knot – tying Workshop (Comerford Suite 105): Training » Clinical Science Institute » 02nd March 2016

NUIG Surgical Specialties Night "A Cut Above The Rest" (Large Lecture Theatre, CSI): Conference » Clinical Science Institute » 10th March 2016

Laparoscopic Workshops: Training » Clinical Science Institute » 15th March 2016

Revision Workshop - Suturing 1,2 & Knot - Tying (Rm 105 Comerford Suite): Training » Clinical Science Institute » 16th March 2016

Laparoscopic Workshops: Training » Clinical Science Institute » 16th March 2016

Laparoscopic Workshops: Training » Clinical Science Institute » 18th March 2016

Laparoscopic Workshops: Training » Clinical Science Institute » 21st March 2016

Laparoscopic Workshops: Training » Clinical Science Institute » 22nd March 2016

NUIG Surgical Skills Competition - Regional Heats (Rm 221, CSI): Other » Clinical Science Institute » 23rd March 2016

Laparoscopic Workshops: Training » Clinical Science Institute » 23rd March 2016

Social Night "Mestival organised by Carbon Night Club" - After NUIG Surgical Specialties Night: Social » Galway, Galway City, Carbon Nightclub » 23rd March 2016

Surgical Skills Workshop: Training » Clinical Science Institute » 30th March 2016

Surgical Society 2016 AGM: Other » Small Lecture Theatre, CSI » 13th April 2016

Just a reminder that we are having our AGM this Wednesday in the small lecture in the CSI at 5:30 PM. Positions available: Auditor, Vice - Auditor, Treasurer, Secretary, Surgical Education Officer, Surgical Workshop Coordinator, Clinical Research Coordinator, Public Relations Officer, Clinical Advisor (Final Meds only). To those who wish to be part of the NUIG Surgical Society's 16'17 Committee, please send us the following details to surgical@socs.nuigalway.ie by TONIGHT. 1. Name and Year 2. Position interested in 3. Why you would like to be part of the 16'17 committee. Also be sure to prepare a short speech about why you should be picked for the position.

EXPLORE SHOWCASE: Conference » Quadrangle » 12th May 2016

Surgical Society will be presenting its DIY Laparoscopic Project at the 2016 EXPLORE Celebration on the 12th of May! Every one of our member is more than welcome to join us at this event

Pretend to be a Surgeon!: Training » CONCOURSE » 14th May 2016

A Lap Sim Event for students of 8 yo to 14 yo to expose them to lap surgery experience

Committee 2015/2016

Public Relations Officer: Alicia Wei Jen Goh

Vice-Auditor: Anyi Zhang

Surgical Education Officer: Nicolle Clements

Treasurer: Su-Ann Cheng

Clinical Research Coordinator: Patrick Higgins

Strategy Consultant : Tingyi Koh

Auditor: Paul Joon Koo Choi

Workshop Coordinator: Jeewanthie Saubhagya Welikumbura

Secretary: So Jeong Kang

Clinical Advisor: Jonathan Schweber

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Paul Joon Koo Choi

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0.00	Bank charge	€23.49
Sponsorship	€1,461.02	Dinner/Food	€400.00
USC Grant	€500.00	Equipment misc	€5.75
		Gifts	€150.30
		Materials	€598.66
		Printing	€51.40
		Promotions	€66.00
		Socs day expenses	€4.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,299.60
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€200.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€461.42
Total	€1,961.02	Total	€1,961.02

Mission Statement

The NUIG Surgical Society aims to represent Medical Students of NUI Galway in their endeavor to improve their hands-on surgical experience

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Aims & Objectives

- To represent Students of Medicine to the surgical field in NUIG and NUHG.
- To advocate for the interests of Students of Medicine in the field of Surgery.
- To ensure representation of NUI, Galway at surgical competitions between students of Medicine nationally and internationally.
- To encourage interaction between its members and staff of NUIG and NUHG.
- To provide opportunities for members to engage in activities that enrich their learning experience in NUIG
- To encourage and organise social interaction between its members.
- To promote surgical research opportunities in NUIG

Goals for the year

- Carry out at least 12 Surgical Skills workshop for the year
- Organise at least 4 laparoscopy workshops
- Organise Inter-college Joint events.
- USMLE Talk
- Surgical Specialties night

Society Performance Reflection

As our first year as an independent society, the surgical society were very successful. Hosting nearly weekly events which our members would come too and helping to promote surgery in the medical school of NUIG as well as collaborating with doctors from NUHG. We have participated in a number of intercollegiate events and our Auditor Tingyi Koh and vice Auditor, Paul Choi, helped bring the best out in our committee so that we were all working together as a coherent team.

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

- To represent students of medicine to the surgical field in NUIG and NUHG: We feel we achieved this by collaborating with members of the surgical department in NUHG and acting as the face of the student body when organising events like the USMLE talk or Surgical specialities night.
- To advocate for the interests of students of medicine in the field of surgery: We feel we achieved this objective by helping supplement our courses curriculum and broadening it by teaching vital things for our future career to those interested in the surgical skills workshop. We also helped students see what the field of surgery was like by promoting collaboration and discussion between the staff of the surgical department and students as well as providing research opportunities.
- To ensure representation of NUIG at surgical competitions between students of Medicine Nationally and internationally: On the 23rd of march, around thirty students partook in the regional heats of the RCSI surgical skills competition where two of the students with the highest points were selected and sent to represented NUIG up at the national event in RCSI. There was also a Surgical case Competition held earlier this year where the student with the most interesting case was sent forward to represent NUIG at a national level also toward the end of the year.
- To encourage interaction between its members and staff of NUHG: This was achieved through the surgical skills workshops which allowed a relaxed atmosphere for students to engage with each other and surgeons from the hospital. Our two large nights of the year, the USMLE talk and the surgical specialities night allowed students to engage on a much larger level and even go out afterwards with each other.
- To provide opportunities for members to engage in activities that enrich their learning experience in NUIG: Again as I've spoken of earlier, students could partake in the weekly workshops that would provide them with a deeper insight in to surgery as well as a fun social outlet in which to do so or else engage in one of our various research projects which were headed up by our Vice Auditor Paul Choi. Our collaboration with Cancer soc for the mini med school also provided our members with the ability to volunteer and help out in the community.
- To encourage and organise social interaction between its members: As I've said before we believe the surgical society provided a holistic experience for all its members not being solely focused on academic endeavours, we promoted social interactions by organising outings for our members after such events as the Surgical specialities night and provided an area for like minded people to meet and talk in our workshops.
- To provide surgical research opportunities in NUIG: Our society was engaged in a number of research projects that our members could participate in (EXPLORE- a research project involving the skills achieved on DIY laparoscopic simulators where students could learn and test out their abilities against people trained on proper Laparoscopic simulators- still awaiting results)(A questionnaire involving every single one of our members) Our vice Auditor Paul Choir also headed up a research project which our members could apply for and were then selected based on their merit.
- Carry out 12 surgical skills workshops for the year.: The society nearly switched complete ownership from first semester to second semester with the majority of the committee changing but on record we have completed 6 surgical skills workshop in the first semester and 18 in the second, far surpassing our goal.
- Organise at least 4 laparoscopic simulator workshops.: Toward the end of the second semester we began incorporating the Laparoscopic workshops into our surgical skills workshops and managed to achieve more than five.
- Organise intercollege joint events: We have collaborated with RCSI to participate in the RCSI surgical skills competition.
- USMLE talk. : The Doctors in Training USMLE talk went ahead in the first semester.
- Surgical Specialities Night.: This went ahead in the second semester.

Greatest Success

In my opinion our greatest success would have to have been the surgical specialities night. It received relentless positive feedback from those who attended allowed a lot the society members a chance to relax afterwards and have a good time with each other. Strengthening the bonds of the society.

Greatest Challenge

Taking over from the first semester committee with nearly an entirely new group of people was a formidable challenge in itself as it made the first few weeks of college very stressful as we had to try and find our footing as well as our balance as a society and a team. While it was a struggle to get to know all the rules and regulations as a team and to learn how to work together I think that we overcame this to become as solid and cohesive group of people who knew what they had to do and how to do it.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 4 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 12 committee members.

Surgical Society Alive Certificates		
<u>Navian Lee Viknaswaran</u>	Treasurer	40 hours
<u>Nicolle Clements</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	65 hours
<u>Niall Hanley</u>	Secretary	50 hours
<u>Paul Joon Koo Choi</u>	Vice Auditor, Surgical Skills Supervisor, Mini-Med School Supervisor	75 hours
<u>Tingyi Koh</u>	Auditor/ Supervisor of Mini Med School / Supervisor of Training	80 hours
<u>Anyi Zhang</u>	Treasurer	50 hours
<u>Jeewanthie Saubhagya Welikumbura</u>	Ordinary Committee Member - Suturing and Knot-tying Workshop Facilitator	60 hours
<u>Rachelle Carolyn Soh</u>	Vice Auditor	40 hours
<u>Joshua Regier</u>	Suturing & Knot Tying Workshop Mentor	40 hours
# ALIVE Students:	9 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	500 hours	

Other Information

We held 17 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 366 members. 10 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Time Lord Society

The Time Lord Society's objective this year has been improving relations among society members, which we did though have more social events such as games nights. However, we did continue to host screenings of "classic" and "new" episodes. Often, we held themed weeks such as "Newbie Week", "Mental Health Week", and "Classic Week".

Time Lord Society Events list (26 Individual Events)

Newbie Night: Social » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 14th September 2015

Welcome to the Time Lord Society. Come and say hi and get to know the society. And learn a bit about the history behind the show. Plus join us for fun and games.

NewbieTwo: Other » D'arcy Thompson » 15th September 2015

Come and join us for a screening of the episodes 'The Girl in the Fireplace' and 'The Eleventh Hour'.

Interactive Night: Social » Large Acoustic » 21st September 2015

Tonight we will be watching 'Partners in Crime'. Do join us.

Peter Capaldi Night / Time Lord Society EGM: Social » D'arcy Thompson » 22nd September 2015

"No frills, no scarf, no messing, just 100 percent rebel Time Lord" Come and celebrate the Twelfth Doctor when we will be watching the series 8 episodes 'Robots of Sherwood' and 'Time Heist'. And afterwards we will be holding our EGM and looking for brand new members to join our Committee. Do join us.

Battles in Time: Social » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 28th September 2015

Tonight we will be watching classic Doctor Who serial 'Battlefield' as well as playing some Doctor Who games like 'Family of Blood'. Do join us.

Christopher Eccleston Night: Other » D'arcy Thompson » 29th September 2015

Tonight we will be watching the Christopher Eccleston two parter 'Aliens of London' and 'World War Three'. Do join us, it's gonna be "fantastic".

Global Week: The Games of Rassilon: Other » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 05th October 2015

Safer than playing the Game of Rassilon. Or playing Live Chess with Gantok. Come and enjoy Doctor Who themed games. We will be also be doing some face painting. Sweets will be provided. Do join us for a fun night.

Mental Health Week: 'Vincent and the Doctor' and 'Gridlock': Social » D'arcy Thompson » 06th October 2015

Tonight as part of Mental Health Week we will be watching 'Vincent and the Doctor' and 'Gridlock;'. Do join us.

Peter Capaldi Week: Part One: Social » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 12th October 2015

Tonight we will be watching the series finale two parter to series eight: 'Dark Water' followed by 'Death in Heaven'. Do join us.

Peter Capaldi Week: Part Two: Social » D'arcy Thompson » 13th October 2015

Tonight we will be watching the exciting opening two parter of Series Nine: 'The Magician's Apprentice' and 'The Witch's Familiar'. Do join us.

Interactive Classic Night: Social » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 19th October 2015

Tonight we will be having an interactive night featuring the classic episode 'Remembrance of the Daleks'. Do join us.

Comedy Night: Social » D'arcy Thompson » 20th October 2015

Tonight, along with Comedy Soc, we will be looking at 'The Five-ish Doctors' and watching an episode of 'Never Mind the Buzzcocks' which features Tenth Doctor David Tennant. Do join us.

Christopher Eccleston Night: Social » D'arcy Thompson » 27th October 2015

Tonight we will be watching the Christopher Eccleston two parter 'Empty Child ' and 'The Doctor Dances'. Do join us, it's gonna be "fantastic".

Captain Jack Night & Cosplay Night: Social » Large Acoustic » 02nd November 2015

Tonight we will be looking at two episodes of the Doctor Who spin-off 'Torchwood' as part of Shag week. Also Cosplay Night: Is there a Doctor or companion that you always wanted to cosplay? Perhaps you have always wanted to cosplay a creature from the series. Well then this event is for you. Do join us.

Water Night: Social » D'arcy Thompson » 03rd November 2015

Tonight we will be watching the exciting series nine two parter 'Under the Lake' and 'Before the Flood'. Do join us.

Scavenger Hunt: Social » Large Acoustic » 09th November 2015

Watch out, the Doc is about. This week as part of Societies Week, we will be having a scavenger hunt. Watch out for the Doctor(s) and others around campus. The winner of the scavenger hunt gets to pick what episode we watch this week. Do join us.

Dalek Games: Social » Large Acoustic » 16th November 2015

Come along to the LAR at seven on the 16th for Dalek themed Games and episodes

Dalek vs. Cybermen: Social » Darcy Thompson Theatre, Arts & Science Concourse » 17th November 2015

Come along to the D'Arcy Thompson where we'll see the Daleks take on the Cybermen in Army of Ghosts and Doomsday!

Quiz Night: Social » Large Acoustic » 23rd November 2015

As the Eleventh Doctor would probably say "I like quizzes, quizzes are cool". Test your Doctor Who knowledge at our quiz tonight. All welcome.

Screening: The Runaway Bride/ Dinosaurs on a Spaceship: Social » D'arcy Thompson » 24th November 2015

Come and join us tonight when we will be watching Catherine Tate's debut at the formidable Donna Noble, we will also be watching the Matt Smith story 'Dinosaurs on a Spaceship'. Do join us.

David Tennant Tuesday: Social » Joseph Larmor Theatre » 12th January 2016

Before Kilgrave in 'Jessica Jones' and DI Carlyle in 'Broadchurch' there was the Tenth Doctor. Do join us as we watch a few episodes from the Tenth Doctor's era.

Welcome Back Meet and Greet: Social » Large Acoustic » 18th January 2016

EGM: Other » Joseph Larmor Theatre » 19th January 2016

Come along to our EGM for the opportunity to join our committee and make new friends. We'll be having a screening after.

Interactive night with Love & Monsters: Social » TBD-Meet at Smokeys » 25th January 2016

Meet us at Smokeys Monday at 7 and we'll head to a room on the concourse for our world famous interactive night this week, featuring Love and Monsters. Boo, hiss, throw small children at the screen!

Pandorica Opens and The Big Bang screenings: Social » Joseph Larmor Theatre » 26th January 2016

Join us at the Larmor theatre on the concourse Tuesday at 7 to watch Pandorica Opens and The Big Bang!

The Impossible Astronaut and Day of the Moon screenings: Social » TBD-Meet at Smokeys » 01st February 2016

Blink and Heaven Sent screenings: Social » Joseph Larmor Theatre » 02nd February 2016

School Themed Screenings: Social » Joseph Larmor Theatre » 09th February 2016

Come along to the Larmor theater at 7 on the 9th of February, we'll be watching School Reunion and Invasion of the Slitheen: Two great school themed episodes! :)

Classic Who Week: Social » Smokeys Cafe » 15th February 2016

Join us for a screening of the Seventh Doctor's adventure, "The Curse of Fenric."

Screening of the Doctor Who Movie: Social » Joseph Larmor Theatre » 16th February 2016

Screening of The Doctor's Wife and Nightmare in Silver: Social » Smokeys Cafe » 22nd February 2016

Celebrating Gaiman week! Meet and Smokey's and we'll go to a room on the concourse from there :)

AGM and Day of the Doctor: Social » Joseph Larmor Theatre » 23rd February 2016

Join us for our AGM to select next year's committee members and a screening of the 50th Anniversary Special: The Day of the Doctor!

Viewing of the Angels Take Manhattan: Social » Joseph Larmor Theatre » 01st March 2016

Doctor Who Games and Fun!: Social » ac 203 » 07th March 2016

Victorian Fun Fair: Social » Bank of Ireland Theatre » 08th March 2016

Screening of Maisie Williams Episodes: Social » Smokeys Cafe » 14th March 2016

Meet us at Smokey's to head to a room on the Concourse for a viewing of "The Girl Who Died" and "The Woman Who Lived" starring Maisie Williams from Game of Thrones!

Class Who Night Screening - The Mind Robber: Social » Joseph Larmor Theatre » 15th March 2016

Join us for a screening of the Classic Who episode, "The Mind Robber" featuring the 2nd Doctor and his faithful kilt-clad companion Jaime!

Screening of "New Earth" and the "Doctor's Daughter": Social » TBD-Meet at Smokeys » 04th April 2016

Meet us at Smokey's at 7 before we head to a room on the concourse for a viewing of "New Earth" and the "Doctor's Daughter"!

Screening of "Time Crash" and "The Five Doctors": Social » Joseph Larmor Theatre » 05th April 2016

Join us at 7 in the Joseph Larmor Theatre for a screening of the Comic Relief special, "Time Crash" and "The Five Doctors"!

Committee 2015/2016

Vice-Auditor: Barry Kelly

Treasurer: Megan Donnelly

Technician : Edel Kelly

Events Manager: Raizel Bernstein-Frame

Secretary: Aisling Ward

O.C.M.: Caolan McManus

Vice Webmissy : Kai Doherty

Auditor: Owen McBrearty

Society Development Officer: Carol Devaney

P.R.O: Kathleen King

O.C.M.: Jodie Wright

Webmaster: Krystle Callari

O.C.M: Karl Wilson

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Edel Kelly

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Events Manager: Barry Kelly

Public Relations Officer: Owen McBrearty

Vice-Auditor: Karl Wilson

Secretary: Aisling Ward

Society Development Officer: Grace Doherty

Webmaster: Kai Doherty

Mission Statement

Our Mission is to promote the cult sci-fi show "Doctor Who" and provide an enjoyable and safe environment in which people can make friendships over their common love for the show

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Our Aims and Objectives for the year are as follows:

- Provide a safe and enjoyable space in which members can enjoy Doctor Who and make friendships, at least 20 times per semester.
- We hope to organise a trip to Cardiff to the Doctor Who Experience, so that our members can enjoy the sets and props from the show. We feel that this experience would benefit our members by improving their social skills, and it would benefit the committee by improving our organising skills.
- We hope to win awards at the Socs awards ceremony in Semester 2, as this would reflect well on the society and hopefully get more people to join in future.
- We want to retain the number of members we have, and hopefully not let it drop below 200 students.

Society Performance Reflection

This year our society maintained a strong base and brought in a lot of new members. We also expanded the range of events to appeal to a bigger range of people.

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

We were able to achieve our goals of providing a safe and enjoyable space for our members and retaining the number of members that we have. However, due to time restraints we were unable achieve our aim of organising a trip to Cardiff to the Doctor Who Experience.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success this year would be our events that a lot of people turned out to, which was the table quiz and the treasure hunt that were both held in semester one. This events brought in many members and also students who were not yet members of the society.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge this year was to get our members to keep going to events on a regular basis.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 17 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 9 committee members.

Time Lord Society Alive Certificates		
<u>Aisling Ward</u>	Vice Secretary/Secretary	56 hours
<u>Barry Kelly</u>	Vice Auditor	100 hours
<u>Jodie Wright</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	27 hours
<u>Caolan McManus</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	25 hours
<u>Edel Kelly</u>	Audio Visual Technician	72 hours

<u>Karl Wilson</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	92 hours
<u>Kathleen King</u>	Public Relations Officer	40 hours
<u>Owen McBrearty</u>	Auditor	100 hours
# ALIVE Students:	8 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	512 hours	

Other Information

We held 22 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 243 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Trad Soc

Tradsoc is a community in which traditional musicians and singers can express themselves in an open and welcoming environment all musicians and singers of all abilities and backgrounds are more than welcome to take part in our sessions. Our weekly sessions in the Crane Bar (Sea Road, Galway) always welcome newcomers and are a great way to meet people with strong similar interests. Galway's great heritage of traditional Irish music means that Trad Soc's events are always a blast for those who want to play or just to enjoy the music and atmosphere. Over the year we will be hosting a number of events including our annual trip, music lessons, music practice, concerts and social outings to traditional Irish festivals in Galway and further afield. As a society we are dedicated to the love of traditional Irish music and song, for musicians, singers and listeners alike. We are about bringing people together with a common interest, making friends and having the craic!!

Trad Society Events list (47 Individual Events)

Trad Soc EGM: Other » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 16th September 2015

Our AGM will take place at 7pm on Wednesday the 16th of September in the space which is upstairs in Aras na Mac Leinn. This is a great opportunity for new members to join the committee as we have committee positions available. Free food will be provided.

Trad Soc Weekly Session at the Crane Bar: Arts & Culture » NUIG » 22nd September 2015

Trad Soc Weekly Session will take place this Tuesday(22nd) upstairs in the Crane Bar from 9:30 till late. All musicians , singers and listeners welcome. There will be a walk leaving Aras na Mac Léinn at 9pm sharp. Hope to see you there!

Trad Soc Weekly singing session: Other » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 23rd September 2015

Trad Soc Weekly singing session takes place every Wednesday from 6-7pm in the space which is upstairs in Arás na Mac Léinn. All singers and listeners welcome. Hope to see ye there!

Trad Soc Weekly Session at the Crane Bar: Arts & Culture » NUIG » 29th September 2015

Trad Soc Weekly Session will take place this Tuesday(29th) upstairs in the Crane Bar from 9:30 till late. All musicians , singers and listeners welcome. . Hope to see you there!

Trad Soc Weekly singing session: Other » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 30th September 2015

Trad Soc Weekly singing session takes place every Wednesday from 6-7pm in the space which is upstairs in Arás na Mac Léinn. All singers and listeners welcome. Hope to see ye there!

Teach A Tune: Arts & Culture » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 30th September 2015

Teach A Tune will be held in this space at 7pm. All welcome to come along and learn new tunes and meet other members of the society :)

Trad Soc Weekly Session at the Crane Bar: Arts & Culture » NUIG » 06th October 2015

Trad Soc Weekly Session will take place this Tuesday(22nd) upstairs in the Crane Bar from 9:30 till late. All musicians , singers and listeners welcome. . Hope to see you there!

Trad Soc Weekly singing session: Other » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 07th October 2015

Trad Soc Weekly singing session takes place every Wednesday from 6-7pm in the space which is upstairs in Arás na Mac Léinn. All singers and listeners welcome. Hope to see ye there!

Instrument Pull: Social » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 07th October 2015

Bring your instruments and your voice! This Wednesday from 7-9pm in the Space, we are going to have Trad Soc's first ever Instrument Pull. The idea is largely similar to a Guitar Pull, where a group of songwriters get together with their guitars and play their songs. Except you don't have to be a songwriter. And you can bring any instrument (of a musical nature ;)). Come along, play/sing to your heart's content, and enjoy some delectable company and fine music. There may be snacks of some variety :)

Trad Soc Weekly Session at the Crane Bar: Arts & Culture » Galway, Galway City, Crane Bar » 13th October 2015

Trad Soc Weekly Session will take place this Tuesday(22nd) upstairs in the Crane Bar from 9:30 till late. All musicians , singers and listeners welcome. . Hope to see you there!

Trad Soc Weekly singing session: Other » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 14th October 2015

Trad Soc Weekly singing session takes place every Wednesday from 6-7pm in the space which is upstairs in Arás na Mac Léinn. All singers and listeners welcome. Hope to see ye there!

Trad Soc Weekly Session at the Crane Bar: Arts & Culture » NUIG » 20th October 2015

Trad Soc Weekly Session will take place this Tuesday(22nd) upstairs in the Crane Bar from 9:30 till late. All musicians , singers and listeners welcome. . Hope to see you there!

Trad Soc Weekly singing session: Other » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 21st October 2015

Trad Soc Weekly singing session takes place every Wednesday from 6-7pm in the space which is upstairs in Arás na Mac Léinn. All singers and listeners welcome. Hope to see ye there!

Teach a Tune: Social » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 21st October 2015

Trad Soc Weekly Session at the Crane Bar: Arts & Culture » NUIG » 27th October 2015

Trad Soc Weekly Session will take place this Tuesday(22nd) upstairs in the Crane Bar from 9:30 till late. All musicians , singers and listeners welcome. . Hope to see you there!

Trad Soc Weekly singing session: Other » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 28th October 2015

Trad Soc Weekly singing session takes place every Wednesday from 6-7pm in the space which is upstairs in Arás na Mac Léinn. All singers and listeners welcome. Hope to see ye there!

Trad Soc Weekly Session at the Crane Bar: Arts & Culture » NUIG » 03rd November 2015

Trad Soc Weekly Session will take place this Tuesday(22nd) upstairs in the Crane Bar from 9:30 till late. All musicians , singers and listeners welcome. . Hope to see you there!

Trad Soc Weekly singing session: Other » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 04th November 2015

Trad Soc Weekly singing session takes place every Wednesday from 6-7pm in the space which is upstairs in Arás na Mac Léinn. All singers and listeners welcome. Hope to see ye there!

Trad Soc Weekly Session at the Crane Bar: Arts & Culture » NUIG » 10th November 2015

Trad Soc Weekly Session will take place this Tuesday(22nd) upstairs in the Crane Bar from 9:30 till late. All musicians , singers and listeners welcome. . Hope to see you there!

Trad Soc Weekly singing session: Other » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 11th November 2015

Trad Soc Weekly singing session takes place every Wednesday from 6-7pm in the space which is upstairs in Arás na Mac Léinn. All singers and listeners welcome. Hope to see ye there!

Trad Soc Weekly Session at the Crane Bar: Arts & Culture » NUIG » 17th November 2015

Trad Soc Weekly Session will take place this Tuesday(22nd) upstairs in the Crane Bar from 9:30 till late. All musicians , singers and listeners welcome. . Hope to see you there!

Trad Soc Weekly singing session: Other » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 18th November 2015

Trad Soc Weekly singing session takes place every Wednesday from 6-7pm in the space which is upstairs in Arás na Mac Léinn. All singers and listeners welcome. Hope to see ye there!

Trad Soc Weekly singing session: Other » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 25th November 2015

Trad Soc Weekly singing session takes place every Wednesday from 6-7pm in the space which is upstairs in Arás na Mac Léinn. All singers and listeners welcome. Hope to see ye there!

Trad Sessions at the Crane Bar: Social » Galway, Galway City, The Crane Bar » 12th January 2016

Join us for our weekly session in the Crane Bar, where there will be tunes, songs and plenty of bountiful social occurrences (i.e. the craic will be had!).

Singing Session: Arts & Culture » The Art Room » 13th January 2016

Join us for our weekly Singing Session, where we sing songs old and new, and practice for any concerts upcoming for the society.

Trad Sessions at the Crane Bar: Social » Galway, Galway City, The Crane Bar » 19th January 2016

Join us for our weekly session in the Crane Bar, where there will be tunes, songs and plenty of bountiful social occurrences (i.e. the craic will be had!).

Singing Session: Arts & Culture » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 20th January 2016

Join us for our weekly Singing Session, where we sing songs old and new, and practice for any concerts upcoming for the society.

Trip to Glasgow: Arts & Culture » United Kingdom, Glasgow, Glasgow » 22nd January 2016

Trad soc travel to Glasgow Celtic Connections festival for weekend!

Trad Sessions at the Crane Bar: Social » Galway, Galway City, The Crane Bar » 26th January 2016

Join us for our weekly session in the Crane Bar, where there will be tunes, songs and plenty of bountiful social occurrences (i.e. the craic will be had!).

Singing Session: Arts & Culture » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 27th January 2016

Join us for our weekly Singing Session, where we sing songs old and new, and practice for any concerts upcoming for the society.

Trad Sessions at the Crane Bar: Social » Galway, Galway City, The Crane Bar » 02nd February 2016

Join us for our weekly session in the Crane Bar, where there will be tunes, songs and plenty of bountiful social occurrences (i.e. the craic will be had!).

Singing Session: Arts & Culture » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 03rd February 2016

Join us for our weekly Singing Session, where we sing songs old and new, and practice for any concerts upcoming for the society.

Trad Sessions at the Crane Bar: Social » Galway, Galway City, The Crane Bar » 09th February 2016

Join us for our weekly session in the Crane Bar, where there will be tunes, songs and plenty of bountiful social occurrences (i.e. the craic will be had!).

Singing Session: Arts & Culture » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 10th February 2016

Join us for our weekly Singing Session, where we sing songs old and new, and practice for any concerts upcoming for the society.

Trad Sessions at the Crane Bar: Social » Galway, Galway City, The Crane Bar » 16th February 2016

Join us for our weekly session in the Crane Bar, where there will be tunes, songs and plenty of bountiful social occurrences (i.e. the craic will be had!).

Singing Session: Arts & Culture » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 17th February 2016

Join us for our weekly Singing Session, where we sing songs old and new, and practice for any concerts upcoming for the society.

Trad Sessions at the Crane Bar: Social » Galway, Galway City, The Crane Bar » 23rd February 2016

Join us for our weekly session in the Crane Bar, where there will be tunes, songs and plenty of bountiful social occurrences (i.e. the craic will be had!).

Singing Session: Arts & Culture » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 24th February 2016

Join us for our weekly Singing Session, where we sing songs old and new, and practice for any concerts upcoming for the society.

Trad Sessions at the Crane Bar: Social » Galway, Galway City, The Crane Bar » 01st March 2016

Join us for our weekly session in the Crane Bar, where there will be tunes, songs and plenty of bountiful social occurrences (i.e. the craic will be had!).

Singing Session: Arts & Culture » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 02nd March 2016

Join us for our weekly Singing Session, where we sing songs old and new, and practice for any concerts upcoming for the society.

Trad Sessions at the Crane Bar: Social » Galway, Galway City, The Crane Bar » 08th March 2016

Join us for our weekly session in the Crane Bar, where there will be tunes, songs and plenty of bountiful social occurrences (i.e. the craic will be had!).

Singing Session: Arts & Culture » The Space Aras na Mac Leinn » 09th March 2016

Join us for our weekly Singing Session, where we sing songs old and new, and practice for any concerts upcoming for the society.

Trad Sessions at the Crane Bar: Social » Galway, Galway City, The Crane Bar » 15th March 2016

Join us for our weekly session in the Crane Bar, where there will be tunes, songs and plenty of bountiful social occurrences (i.e. the craic will be had!).

Singing Session: Arts & Culture » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 16th March 2016

Join us for our weekly Singing Session, where we sing songs old and new, and practice for any concerts upcoming for the society.

Trad Sessions at the Crane Bar: Social » Galway, Galway City, The Crane Bar » 22nd March 2016

Join us for our weekly session in the Crane Bar, where there will be tunes, songs and plenty of bountiful social occurrences (i.e. the craic will be had!).

Singing Session: Arts & Culture » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 23rd March 2016

Join us for our weekly Singing Session, where we sing songs old and new, and practice for any concerts upcoming for the society.

Trad Soc AGM: Other » Small Acoustic Room » 06th April 2016

Our Trad Soc AGM will be held on the 6th April 2016 in the Large Acoustic Room to elect a new committee, hand out awards and socialise with our members. Food and refreshments will be provided.

Committee 2015/2016

OCM: Ciara Corbett

Secretary: Sean Reilly

OCM: Andrew Beirne

Events Manager: Christian Killeen

OCM: Sinead O'Halloran

Auditor: Kathryn Murray

Vice Auditor/Treasurer: Aidan O'Sullivan-Ryan

OCM: Leeanne Black

1st Year OCM: Colm Kirke

1st Year OCM: Breana Ryan

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Christian Killeen

PRO: Breana Ryan

Singing Coordinator: Leeanne Black

OCM : Ciara Corbett

Treasurer: Colm Kirke

Secretary: Mairead Ni Ghrainne

Musical Director: Aine Mulligan

Refreshments Director: Maria Gleeson

OCM: Niamh Fitzgerald

Safety Officer: Conall Maynes

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	2,511.89	Apparel	€66.42
Equipment Rental	€156.00	Bank charge	€59.00
Socs box Till	€1,714.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€217.84
USC Grant	€1,000.00	Society accomm	€905.65
		Society transport	€1,913.58
		Socs day expenses	€44.00
		Sound	€75.00
		Expenditure Total	€3,281.49
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,100.40
Total	€5,381.89	Total	€5,381.89

Mission Statement

Trad Soc is to promote culture and heritage through irish music and song.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Trad soc aims to

- 1) maintain our weekly events such as our music session in the Crane Bar and Singing session/ Teach a tune.
- 2) To work together with the help of our members to form new and creative ideas for the society
- 3) For members to learn new skills and qualities from their involvement with the society.

Society Performance Reflection

Our Society fared very well this year. We built on previous success to hone our regular events to the expectations of our membership. We also collaborated with several other societies, including Cumann Staire for the Arts Ball, Cumann Gaelach for Bál na Gaeilge, and Cancer Soc for Relay for Life. We've maintained our reputation for being a welcoming society to all students, as is evidenced by our active membership among Erasmus Students.

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

The aims we set for the society at the start of the year were clear and attainable. We ensured a presence both on and off campus with our regular Session at the Crane Bar, and our Singing Sessions/Teach a Tune on campus. We also canvassed input from our membership to see what they would like the Society to do, and put on some additional social events as a result. Through our

musical and choral endeavours, we've assisted in fostering musicianship and greater choral sensibility amongst our members, whilst providing a social and fun atmosphere.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success lies in our committed membership and their dedication to Traditional music and song. They have ensured that Trad Soc remains a significant cultural player on NUIG campus, and have sustained its reputation.

Greatest Challenge

As with all Societies, motivating a team made up of volunteers can be a challenge, particularly as the academic year goes on and academic obligations take precedence. As a society, we've always tried to make meetings as efficient and effective as possible, so that people aren't disincenitised from turning up. We've also ensured that the Committee were empowered to undertake initiatives where possible, so that they have a sense of ownership over the direction of the Society.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 11 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 9 committee members.

Trad Soc Alive Certificates		
<u>Leeanne Black</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	150 hours
<u>Kathryn Murray</u>	Auditor and Volunteer	2000 hours
<u>Aidan O'Sullivan-Ryan</u>	Vice Auditor and Treasurer	300 hours
<u>Sean Reilly</u>	Secretary	250 hours
<u>Ciara Corbett</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	100 hours
# ALIVE Students:	5 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	2800 hours	

Other Information

We held 9 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 401 members. We have yet to complete the end of year survey.

Victorian Society

The Victorian Society this year has organised weekly events of cultural nature, such as film screenings, outings, lectures, arts and crafts, a Christmas Party and the Victorian Funfair (in which in addition to bringing a few societies together we also had The Secret Garden as special guest).

We have also taken part in several collaborations with different NUIG societies, namely Manga and Anime Soc, Baking Soc, Time Lord Soc, Chess Soc and Astronomy Soc. In addition, we also helped organise the Multi-Soc Halloween party.

Victorian Society Events list (21 Individual Events)

Meet and Greet: Social » Art Room » 16th September 2015

Get to know the new and old members of the Victorian Society at our meet and greet. Free tea, chats and fun for everyone :)

Victorian EGM: Social » Art Room » 23rd September 2015

Want to become part of committee and society life? Then join us as we select the brand new committee for the society year. Treasurer, Secretary and OCM positions open to everyone so please put your name forward. Free pizza and tea also available for afterwards

Professor Trelawney Tea Party: Social » Ac203 » 30th September 2015

Come along as the Victorian Society joins up with Potter Soc for a Wizard styled tea event. Loads of tea and fun guaranteed.

Young Frankstein Movie Night: Social » Aras na Mac Leinn » 07th October 2015

Come join us for our screening of Young Frankenstein! Tea included! Art room, Aras na Mac Leinn

British Empire talk and 'The Piano': Social » AC 215 » 14th October 2015

Join the Victorian Society as we get a talk by Dr. Muireann O Cinneide on one of the world's largest Empires. Followed by a Q and A plus a showing of the movie 'The Piano'

Crimson Peak: Social » Art Room » 21st October 2015

This week the Victorian society are going to the cinema to watch Crimson Peak, a new movie by guillermo del toro. Meeting in the Art Room at 8pm then going to cinema from there.

Multi-Soc Halloween Party: Social » Galway, Galway City, Cellar Bar » 28th October 2015

Join Victorian, Fansci, Potter, Music, Time Lord and Anime Socs as we host our annual fancy dress Halloween Party. €5 entry and DJ on night. Starting at 8pm in the Cellar Bar. Prizes for best costumes.

The Woman in Black Screening: Social » The Art Room » 04th November 2015

A screening of the horror movie The Woman in Black. Free tea and pizza

Cosmic Tea Party: Social » The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn » 09th November 2015

Join Baking, Astronomy and Victorian Societies for a cosmic night of fun. Cakes, Planets, Tea, Pizza available on night. See you all at the Cube

Victorian Cards against Humanity: Social » Art Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 18th November 2015

Join us as we play one of the funniest card games on earth designed for horrible people. We will be crafting cards from the basic deck and also making our own with things relating to the Victorian era, hilarious scenarios and even a few inside jokes between people. Tea and fun guaranteed!

Victorian Christmas Party: Social » College bar » 25th November 2015

The end of semester Christmas Party will start at 6pm in the College Bar then we will journey down to the Christmas Market afterwards.

Sweeney Todd: Social » Art Room » 20th January 2016

The Victorian society will be watching Sweeney Todd starring Johnny Depp and the late Alan Rickman. Popcorn and pizza will be provided

Sherlock: The Abominable Bride: Social » Art Room Aras an Mac Leinn » 27th January 2016

We will be watching the Sherlock Christmas Special which showcases our favourite detective Benedict Cumberbatch as he goes back in time to a setting of Victorian London to solve a mystery. Tea and Biscuits on the night.

Detective Night: Social » Art Room Aras an Mac Leinn » 03rd February 2016

Become a sleuth just like Sherlock Holmes while playing Cluedo and our very own Holmes edition mystery game. Tea and biscuits included

Steamboy: Social » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 11th February 2016

We will be joining the Anime and Manga society for a showing of the Victorian Steampunk anime Steamboy. Tea and pizza will be provided

Victorian Craft Night: Social » Art Room Aras an Mac Leinn » 17th February 2016

Join the Victorian Society as we put our artistic methods to the test. Help design and paint your own Victorian styled cups and bring home your own creations. Tea and biscuits provided.

1900 House and 1895 Challenge: Social » Art Room Aras an Mac Leinn » 02nd March 2016

This week we will be watching the reality show set in a Victorian house, '1900 House ' and the Simpsons episode Helter Skelter. Pizza and tea available.

3rd Annual Victorian Fun Fair: Social » Bank of Ireland Theatre » 08th March 2016

Join us along with Baking Soc, Anime and Manga Soc, Chess Soc, Time Lord Soc and the Secret Garden tea shop for our Fun Fair spectacular. Amazing costumes, games, tea and lots of fun. Open to any member of the public as part of the Muscailt Arts Festival

Franklyn: Social » Art Room Aras an Mac Leinn » 16th March 2016

This week we will be watching the Steampunk Gothic movie with a Frankenstein twist, 'Franklyn' starring Eva Green from Penny Dreadful. Tea will be provided.

Victorian AGM: Social » Art Room Aras an Mac Leinn » 06th April 2016

Come join the Victorian Society as we elect our new committee for the 2016/17 Academic Year. All positions will be open to run for so do not be afraid to step forward to become part of a very fun and enjoyable group. Cheese and wine reception also when we have elected people.

Bad Movie Overnight: Social » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 09th April 2016

To end the year with some fun the Victorian society will be watching movies that are so bad they're funny. All sorts of food and drinks on offer

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Jonathan Harte

Treasurer: Kate Muldowney

PRO: Andrew Linnane

Postgraduate Officer: Anna Gasperini

OCM: Stephanie Koennecker

Vice-Auditor: John O'Malley

Secretary: Elena Cester Lopez

Health and Safety Officer: Ciara Clarke

OCM: Brian Dillon

OCM: Vivienne Davis

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Elena Cester Lopez

Secretary: Vivienne Davis

OCM: Kate Muldowney

Vice-Auditor: Jonathan Harte

PRO: Brian Dillon

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	56.28	Bank charge	€99.19
USC Grant	€1,000.00	Dinner/Food	€251.62
		Materials	€124.50
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€104.48
		Prizes	€45.41
		Socs day expenses	€4.36
		Expenditure Total	€629.56
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€426.72
Total	€1,056.28	Total	€1,056.28

Mission Statement

To bring the knowledge of the Victorian Era to a modern day perspective. With movies, literature and other artistic forms we will showcase the society and our love of the 19th century to NUIG.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Providing a friendly environment for others to learn more about the wonders of the Victorian Era. Host a number of activities throughout the year, such as the Victorian Fun Fair, to bring in other societies from NUIG for co-op nights. Promote Victorian culture and history across campus.

Society Performance Reflection

Very good. Being a small society we did not expect such an amount of people coming to some of our events. The committee was also very efficient and hard-working, everyone helped running the society.

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

Yes, absolutely. We grew in numbers as many people joined the society this year. We were able to organise weekly events which people attended regularly and gave them a better knowledge of the Victorian Period, culture and history.

Greatest Success

The Victorian Funfair. As our main event of the year, we focused a lot energy into it, and quite a crowd came to it and engaged in the games we had prepared and bought tickets for the raffle at the end of the evening.

Greatest Challenge

Also the Victorian Funfair. As our main event of the year, it involved dealing with Muscailt's organisers, the venue booking, contacting all the societies that might be interested in participating, and finding external supporters that would help us to set the fair or bring something interesting to it. I must praise the good job of the committee, since teamwork was essential for the success of the event. Everyone helped with the preparation and organisation, and attended the event.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 11 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 8 committee members.

Victorian Society ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Vivienne Davis</u>	Committee Member	400 hours
<u>Elena Cester Lopez</u>	Secretary, Public Relations Officer	500 hours
<u>Stephanie Koennecker</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	50 hours
<u>Jonathan Harte</u>	Auditor	600 hours
<u>John O'Malley</u>	Vice-Auditor	800 hours
<u>Kate Muldowney</u>	Treasurer	168 hours
# ALIVE Students:	6 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	2518 hours	

Other Information

We held 14 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 187 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

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 list (11 Individual Events)

EGM and Variety night!: Social » IT 204 » 16th September 2015

We will host an EGM at the beginning of the event. Discuss/play/socialise involving various video games

EGM / Fightnight: Social » IT 204 » 30th September 2015

Postponed EGM from last week, election of a new treasurer plus fighting games afterwards, "Enjoyable night full of fun" also refreshments/food at the end

Indie Night: Social » IT 204 » 14th October 2015

Join us for a fantastic night of indie games, discuss, play etc... same time same place

Horror Night with A&M: Social » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 29th October 2015

we are proud to announce a night of Horrors and jumpscares with the good fellows at anime and manga

LOL Worlds viewing party with Galway gaming tribes: Social » Galway, galway, 7 Bar » 31st October 2015

we are co-hosting a LOL Worlds viewing party with Galway gaming tribes. The venue is the Loft which is upstairs in 7 Bar. (Formerly Kelly's)

Building a PC: How hard can it be?: Social » Marine Annexe Lecture theatre » 02nd November 2015

Video games society's first seminar on the tips and tricks on building your own PC - out of experience -

kerbal space program: Social » The Meeting Rooms » 19th November 2015

join us for an exciting night of kerbal space program, bring your wits, imagination and engineering skills for chances to win prizes

Video game variety Night: Social » IT 204 » 20th January 2016

Enough holidays already, I want to enjoy another video game night with the cool people of this awesome society and I know YOU want to as well, We are proud to announce another variety night, you know, play a variety of different games with your friends (future and present), socialise, beat your no so friends in a fighting game etc.... (ps: no blood, please).

Phoenix wright: Social » LAR » 28th January 2016

Join us fellow gamers for an exciting night of Phoenix wright (soc collab), get your gabbles ready for a night you won't object we shall pretend like we know how courtrooms work. We will be influenced by the lovely people of Anime and Manga society, last year was fun this year is going to be even greater, can't wait to see YOU there.

Night of Love: Social » Aras na Mac Leinn » 18th February 2016

Have you missed an opportunity to spend Valentine's day with you true love - video games or maybe you are craving some more, then join us for a night with our lovely friends of Anime and Manga for a passionate night of Love

Leap Year Platformers: Social » IT 204 » 29th February 2016

Help us celebrate the leap year with platformers!

Committee 2015/2016

Treasurer: Taidgh Murray

Vice-Auditor: Niall Mullins

Quarter Master: Duncan Walker

OCM: Zachary Gorvel

OCM: Eoghan Rogers

Auditor: Hugh Murray

Secretary: Julio Sanchis Arderius

Safety Officer: Lee Murphy

OCM: Jack Deane

Public Relations Officer: Kathleen King

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Niall Mullins

Treasurer: Lee Murphy

P.R.O: Kathleen King

O.C.M: Eoghan Rogers

Safety Officer: Oskar Wisniewski

Vice-Auditor: Zachary Gorvel

Secretary: Julio Sanchis Arderius

Quarter Master: Duncan Walker

O.C.M: Laoise Kelly

Webmaster: Hugh Murray

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	969.72	Bank charge	€24.77
USC Grant	€200.00	Dinner/Food	€42.00
		Equipment misc	€275.80

		Expenditure Total	€342.57
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€827.15
Total	€1,169.72	Total	€1,169.72

Mission Statement

To encourage and support the growing video gaming community and promote Video Gaming culture as a social and artistic medium within NUIG and Galway City.

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.

Society Performance Reflection

The society did very well considering this is our first full year as a new society, two years in the running now so we have some experience plus the ever helpful hand of the SocsBox is always there if we can't manage on our own. The biggest challenge we faced throughout the year is the reduction in turn ups for events, not just for us, but every society. We have observed that this is due to the fact that the university is giving more assignment / projects to students and they in turn have no time for societies. At least we managed to make different, new and interesting events and the committee had always a barrage of ideas waiting to be picked.

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

We have had a running issue with our treasurer for the last couples of years so that has stopped us from moving on with our goals, which included the obtaining new equipment towards the society however next year's committee remains the same var some changes that have been done so that will facilitate some faster interesting change (since some of it has already been approved in the AGMs). On the positive side, we have maintained a healthy, positive and expanding community of video gamers, it becomes quite apparent the happy atmosphere of friendship in the events – no one is left out. The same applies with providing a location and means for video gaming in Galway.

Greatest Success

In my opinion our greatest success was to make events more interesting while facing with decreasing turn up to events but, with the aid of eye catching posters done by our P.R.O Kathleen and the ideas cranked together at the regular meetings. We have done quite well over all and this is what I consider a success.

Greatest Challenge

As mentioned before this year was difficult to us because people needed to concentrate in assignments so turn ups were really bad comparing to the past year, so the challenge we faced was to make interesting well themed events, like, "The Phoenix wright night" which was a collab event with Anime and Manga soc which helped to increase numbers

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 10 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 0 committee members.

Video Game Society ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Lee Murphy</u>	Safety officer	25 hours
<u>Kathleen King</u>	Public Relations Officer	25 hours
<u>Hugh Murray</u>	Auditor	72 hours
<u>Jack Deane</u>	OCM	80 hours
<u>Duncan Walker</u>	Quarter Master	50 hours
<u>Niall Mullins</u>	Vice Auditor	45 hours
<u>Julio Sanchis Arderius</u>	Secretary	60 hours
# ALIVE Students:	7 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	357 hours	

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 553 members. 7 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Voluntary Services Abroad Soc

VSA had a busy year in the 2015/2016 time period with successful fundraising and enjoyable events throughout.

Events started with Traveller's Tales in September in which returned volunteers spoke to the new committee and those considering volunteering in the future about their adventures. Pizza was provided to all who attended.

We then had the VSA Table Quiz, which was as always a huge success both financially and entertainment wise. We had a full house in The Quays and we carried out all the usual Table Quiz traditions with all of our members.

Next up was NUIG's 'Hottest Ticket' Student Race Day in partnership with Rugby Soc. It was NUIG's biggest student event of the year, selling over 7,000 tickets and was a complete success.

We held our annual christmas concert in November during which all of the medical school get to showcase their talents to their peers and teachers. It was great fun and a nice break from all the christmas exam study.

Then, along with Medsoc, we helped organise the glamorous Masquerade Ball in Kilonan Castle. The night included a silent auction and raffle in aid of VSA.

From one ball to another, Swing Ball was a huge success. Hosted by the excellent Meyrick Hotel. It was a night we will always remember and raised much needed funds for our charity.

Along with all of these events, we had regular committee meetings discussing what was approaching and possible progressive changes we could make to the society. This led us to becoming a signatory of Chomhlamh. This allowed us to develop necessary forms for our volunteers and forms for our local partners to help develop the society even further.

Overall, this year has been a complete success for us. We have paved the way for future positive changes to the management of volunteers and society members and have hopefully set the standard for our annual events.

Voluntary Services Abroad Society Events list (11 Individual Events)

Traveller's Tales: Charity » Anderson Lecture Theatre » 17th September 2015

A free evening of inspiring talks from all those who travelled with VSA in the summer months gone by. Free pizza for all who attend! The night promises to get you excited for all the possible adventures to come, while also being informative and allowing you the opportunity to chat with and learn from those who went. And of course the night doesn't have to end there. For all you party goers and socialites we will be handing out wristbands to the after party in Karma. Woooo! All donations to this wonderful charity will be welcomed on the night. Every little helps us to do our best for these hospitals in need!

STUDENT RACE DAY LAUNCH PARTY: Charity » College bar » 07th October 2015

Good news everyone! We will be hosting the launch party for this year's student Race day in the awesome College bar, next Wednesday the 7th of October kicking off at 6 o'clock. There will be a live DJ and early bird tickets will be available to purchase! We will also have some competitions and prizes to give out! More details to follow - check out the event on Facebook for more details! <https://www.facebook.com/events/895044317250866/>

VSA Quiz Night!: Charity » Off Campus » 08th October 2015

The VSA Annual Table Quiz, coming to you live from the Quays Bar on October 8th at 7 30pm - Everyone's favourite night of the year, Your familiar and dynamic professor duo, Prof. Kerin and Prof. O'Brien, will be quizmasters on the night. So get your thinking caps on and be ready to wow them with your fab quiz skillz! As usual, we will have a range of competitions and games on the night to be won. So start nominating your classmates to do you proud! Most importantly, we need each class to put forward a lucky bachelor/bachelorette to be auctioned off to help raise money for VSA and of course, gain the utmost respect from all of your friends in the medical school. So come join us and all da mates next Thursday, entry is only 5 dollar billz!

Student Race Day: Social » Galway, Galway City, Ballybrit Race Course » 26th October 2015

Galway Student Race Day!! Galway's Biggest Student Event of the Year! Tickets just 15 euro for an elegant day at the races. With your money going to help the charity VSA - bringing medical aid to the developing world. Tickets available from the Socs Box and from stalls every day by Smokeys! Kicking off at 1pm in Ballybrit Race Course. It promises to be a great day! Looking forward to seeing you all!

VSA Halloween Ball: Charity » Galway, Galway City, The Skeff and Karma » 29th October 2015

VSA are holding their annual Halloween Ball on Thursday 29th October. This much loved event kicks off at 9 30pm in the Skeff where we will host our best dressed contest, and great prizes are to be won! We will then head into Karma. Tickets are only 6 euro with all proceeds going to the VSA charity - bringing medical aid to the developing world. These tickets are available from the Socs Box and from your VSA reps who will be in touch with you about when to buy them. We look forward to seeing you all on Thursday!!

Group Meeting: Training » Arts Millennium Building » 03rd November 2015

A meeting of all committee members to discuss expenses and travel opportunities for the charity

Masquerade Ball: Social » Roscommon, Kilonan, Kilonan Castle » 14th November 2015

Medsoc and VSA have joined up to organise The Masquerade Ball. A lavish affair in the beautiful Kilonan Castle. It is a night to be remembered. Available to all student in the clinical years of medicine and alumni. Tickets for students are 55 euro and 75 euro for alumni. Sold Out!

VSA Christmas Concert: Charity » O'Flaherty Theatre » 19th November 2015

VSA's annual Christmas Concert will be held on the 19th November in the O'Flaherty Theatre on the concourse. Students in all the years of medicine have been preparing their masterpiece videos, dramas, songs, dances and more to wow the judges and the crowd. It is a night that everyone always looks forward to, and is a sign that Christmas is just around the corner... Doors open at 7pm. It is an alcohol free event and there will be security at the door searching people. For just 5 euro you will have a fantastic night and free entry into Karma! All proceeds going to charity! We can't wait to see you all on the night!!

VSA Polar Bear Swim: Charity » Galway, Salthill, Blackrock » 19th December 2015

VSA is hosting it's annual Polar Bear Swim on the morning of the 19th December.No better beauty treatment before Med Ball than a quick dip in the atlantic ocean to cleanse those pores! We are meeting at blackrock pier at 10 30am and will be handing out hot whiskeys for all those who brave the sea.There will be donation buckets and sponsorship forms for all those who wish to take part.Looking forward to seeing you all there!

VSA Swing Ball: Charity » Galway, Galway City, Meyrick Hotel » 12th March 2016

VSA is hosting it's annual Swing Ball on the 12th March 2016 in the Meyrick Hotel. Swing music and swing dancers come together for a night you won't forget!

VSA AGM: Other » Small Lecture Theatre, CSI » 13th April 2016

This Wednesday at 7pm in the Small Lecture Theatre of the CSI, VSA are hosting the AGM 2016. This is your chance to vote on new changes to our constitution and to help nominate and elect the new committee 2016/2017.See you all there!

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Shona Keogh

Secretary: Anna Healy

Correspondence Officer: Emma Shaughnessy

Volunteering Officer: Christine Condon

Vice-Auditor: Patrick Higgins

Vice Treasurer: Lee Peeperkorn

Treasurer: Gavin Hennelly

PRO: Meave Higgins

Webmaster: Patrick Varley

Student Liaison Officer: Aislinn Hanahoe

Vice Secretary: Victoria Veitch

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Orla Kemple

Entertainment Officer: Fiona Mulligan

Correspondence Officer: Katie Cummins

Student Liaison Officer: Uisne Feeney

Ordinary Committee Member: David O'Sullivan

Treasurer: Eleanor Burke

Public Relations Officer: Eleanor Connolly

Safety Officer: Maeve Murphy

Ordinary Committee Member: Aoife Murray

Voluntary Services Abroad Soc Balance Sheet - 2015/2016

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	56,226.10	Ball	€9,053.85
Balls	€23,883.89	Bank charge	€228.97
Fundraising	€137,158.69	Dinner/Food	€50.00
Socs box Till	€36,154.00	Entertainment	€2,650.00
Ticket Sales	€19,150.00	Entry fees	€20,000.00
USC Grant	€700.00	Equipment misc	€11.92
		Fundraising / Charity	€153,444.11
		Hire Bus	€3,600.00

		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€12.03
		Prizes	€50.94
		Promotions	€34.45
		Received Money Returned	€786.81
		Services Hired	€11,073.00
		Society accomm	€468.54
		Socs day expenses	€12.90
		Expenditure Total	€201,477.52
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€71,795.16
Total	€273,272.68	Total	€273,272.68

Mission Statement

Medical Aid for the Developing World. Our goal is to provide much needed medical supplies and related skills to healthcare facilities in developing countries and to fundraise to achieve that goal. To facilitate students in National University of Ireland Galway in give back to local and international communities.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

The aim of the Voluntary Services Abroad Committee for 2015/2016 is to move the charity forward and make it more sustainable and recognised. We aim to do this by becoming a signatory of Comhlamh. We also aim to have more formalised dealings with our local partners in the developing world to ensure full and lasting relationships.

We hope to facilitate anyone wishing to volunteer with us this year in their fundraising and have some events that everyone enjoys and helps raise funds for hospitals in the developing world.

Society Performance Reflection

Our society did well this year. We had many successful events and worked towards our aim of making the society and the volunteering programme more sustainable for the years to come.

Our committee worked extremely well together. We helped each other with various tasks and had regular meetings with effective communication.

We had a record number of members join us at Societies Day in September and our events were enjoyed by all.

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

The aim of the Voluntary Services Abroad Committee for 2015/2016 is to move the charity forward and become more sustainable. We aim to do this by becoming a signatory of Comhlamh. We have this year become a formal signatory of Comhlamh and this has been a huge benefit to us and showed us how to move forward as a society and charity in the future.

One aim was to have more formalised dealings with our local partners in the developing world to ensure full and lasting relationships. . We have done this by developing forms which can be sent to our local partners to help improve the society in the future.

We have also become more sustainable.

We have facilitated anyone wishing to volunteer with us this year in their fundraising and have some events that everyone enjoys and helps raise funds for hospitals in the developing world. We have also provided extra training for them this year with the help of comhlamh and the school of medicine.

Greatest Success

We had two huge successes this year as a society.

The first was becoming a signatory of comhlamh. This was a huge effort by the committee with the help of Lorraine Tansey we managed to get it done and submitted in a timely manner. All of this work will help guide the society in the future as it highlights areas that need to be improved in the future. So that the society can continue to improve and grow as a whole.

Our second greatest achievement was NUIG student race day. This was the biggest student event of the year and was attended by over 4,500 from across Galway and Ireland as a whole. We had

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge was working towards creating a more sustainable society and volunteering opportunity for all those who wish to do so. This involved us having frequent meetings and discussions in relation to what we could do and undertaking the extensive comhlamh application. This took a lot of time and energy, something that was particularly challenging in a busy college semester. We had meetings with Ms Lorraine Tansey and Dr Diarmuid O'Donovan who helped us bring together our ideas and structure what we were trying to do. We have changed the constitution and set in motion many different things for the committees of the future to carry on.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 9 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 11 committee members.

Voluntary Services Abroad Soc		
<u>Laoise Plunkett</u>	Year Representative	1 hours
<u>Christine Condon</u>	Volunteering Co-ordinator	150 hours
<u>Gavin O'Toole</u>	Volunteer	50 hours
<u>Patrick Higgins</u>	Vice Auditor	80 hours
<u>Gavin Hennelly</u>	Treasurer, Student Race Day Co-ordinator	100 hours
<u>Simon Callaghan</u>	Volunteer, Fundraiser	20 hours
<u>Shane Elwood</u>	Medical Volunteer	250 hours
<u>Conor Murphy</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	20 hours
<u>Emma Shaughnessy</u>	Correspondence Officer	100 hours
<u>Ruth Campbell</u>	Volunteer	25 hours
<u>Mary Byrne</u>	Programme Participant June/July 2016	30 hours
<u>Niall Bergin</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	500 hours
<u>Conor Marmion</u>	Volunteer	200 hours
<u>Emily Kinlan</u>	Volunteer	50 hours
<u>Lisa Duffy</u>	Volunteer	40 hours
<u>Evan Ryan</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	30 hours
<u>Alaa Baký</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	50 hours

<u>Ailbhe Raftery</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	25 hours
<u>Victoria Veitch</u>	Secretary	45 hours
<u>Paula Beatty</u>	Volunteer; Fundraiser	165 hours
<u>Shona Keogh</u>	Auditor	120 hours
<u>Anna Healy</u>	Secretary, Volunteer	100 hours
<u>Meave Higgins</u>	Public Relations Officer, Volunteer	100 hours
<u>Aislinn Hanahoe</u>	Student Liaison Officer	90 hours
<u>Lee Peeperkorn</u>	Treasurer, Fundraiser	100 hours
<u>Patrick Varley</u>	Webmaster, Committee Member, Volunteer	110 hours
<u>John O'Farrell</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	30 hours
<u>Caolan Coleman</u>	Volunteer, Fundraiser	20 hours
<u>Ciara Meagher</u>	Volunteer, Fundraiser	110 hours
<u>Shane Irwin</u>	Volunteer Medical Student	210 hours
<u>Kate McCarthy</u>	Ordinary Committee Member, Volunteer	504 hours
<u>Stefania Stroiescu</u>	Secretary, Volunteer	150 hours
<u>Matthew Sheridan</u>	Volunteer, Fundraiser	20 hours
<u>Laura Hennessy</u>	Volunteer	50 hours
<u>Joseph Conway</u>	Past Auditor and Volunteer	90 hours
<u>Brian Kelly</u>	Committee Member, Fundraiser	30 hours
<u>Elein Thompson</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	160 hours
<u>Julie Donnellan</u>	Treasurer and Volunteer	170 hours
# ALIVE Students:	38 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	4095 hours	

Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 1003 members. 4 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Writers' Soc

This year the Writers' Society set out to provide a safe and friendly environment to encourage writing. Not only did we encourage friendly discussion of writing, we wanted to stimulate a fun and welcoming environment for students to make new friends who have similar interests. The level or experience in writing was not important to us as society, we wanted to stimulate a friendly atmosphere for students to enjoy writing and become involved.

We did so by holding our weekly writers' meetings, which involved a writing prompt at the beginning of each meeting, allowing members to get inspired and write for 10 minutes. Afterwards, we offered members the chance to read out their writing and receive feedback. Within our meetings we also play writing games and discuss our favorite pieces of writing with each other. We also provided tea and biscuits at our meetings!

We organized our 2nd Annual Writers' Convention in January 31st. We invited various speakers to come speak at the convention. We also held and promoted a flurry of different writing events that took place outside the general meeting place. This included, The Rab Fulton storytelling event in the Crane bar, Our word game in the blue note pub, and also our publication launch in the Secret Garden Cafe. We also collaborated with various societies, this includes our screening of 'Dead poets society', our Writing

workshop with gig soc, and the speed dating event with bake soc, anime and manga, potter soc, and skate soc. Our society also released a booklet publication, which allowed members to publish their work. This was both online and in print. We released 2 publications.

Writers' Society Events list (25 Individual Events)

Writers' Soc EGM: Other » Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 » 22nd September 2015

Come along and join our writer family by running for a committee position! Also free PIZZA, tea and biscuits for all.

Writers' soc meeting: Other » Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 » 29th September 2015

Come down to our weekly meeting, where we provide a super friendly and safe environment for you to share your work! Whether you're a novelist, poet, screenwriter, songwriter, or even just a listener you'll always be welcome! Plenty of tea and biscuits to go around!

Writers' Soc Meeting: Social » Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 » 06th October 2015

Join Writers' soc for their weekly meeting from 8:00-9:30pm to play some writing games, get writing to some prompts and this weeks special "work in progress" event. Tea and biscuits provided!

Writers' Soc showing "Dead Poets Society": Social » Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 » 06th October 2015

Join Writers' society and friends for this special Mental Health week event in the showing of the film "Dead Poets Society" #littlthings

Writers' soc meeting!: Arts & Culture » Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 » 13th October 2015

Join Writers' soc for their weekly meeting from 8:00-9:30pm in the meeting rooms to play some writing games, get writing to some prompts and get inspired by other writers. We will also be having a little practise open mike in preparation for the Lit & deb literary event on the 15th of October. Tea and biscuits provided!

Celtic Tales Night at the Crane: Arts & Culture » Galway, Sea Road, Crane Bar » 22nd October 2015

CELTIC TALES: Enjoy tales of Magic, Murder and Mayhem from Ireland and Scotland at the CELTIC TALES storytelling sessions in the Crane Bar. The tales are told by the mesmerising storyteller Rab Swannock Fulton (see reviews quotes below). The stories begin at 8pm. Door open at 7.45 pm Price: €5 Euro special societies price from the SocsBox Please note, Celtic Tales is not suitable for children. Followed by music session in the Crane Bar on Sea Road.

REVIEWS Here's what the audience say: 'Amazing- Absolute MUST SEE! For Friends of Tales, Fantasy, Humor, History and Irish Folklore. I went there as often as I could.' -Madeleine (Switzerland). 'A unique event, Rab's humour and energy makes his "Celtic Tales" storytelling sessions a truly entertaining experience. Highly recommended' - Tom (Ireland) Here's what the papers say: 'Rab's zest for life and his talent for connecting with people put him ahead of most storytellers' - Tribune Life. 'Captivating minds with faraway fables' - The Irish Times

Writers' soc meeting: Arts & Culture » ac213 » 27th October 2015

Join the writers' soc for some spine chilling fun while we ring in the Halloween season with some writing prompts, games, and some extra special Halloween candy. We will also be having mini launch party for 'The Attic', a student writing anthology! See you there :)

Writers' soc weekly meeting: Social » ac213 » 27th October 2015

Writers' soc weekly meeting: Social » ac213 » 03rd November 2015

Come join the Writers' society for some super fun writing prompts, writing games, and our monthly 'Work in progress' reading! The usual tea and biscuits will also be provided. See you there :)

Writers' soc meeting: Arts & Culture » ac213 » 10th November 2015

Join the Writers' soc this week while we celebrate the Students Unions' 'Social inclusion' week by running a workshop that will be multi-lingual. There will be plenty and tea and biscuits to go around. See you there!

Writers' soc Autumn publication Launch!: Arts & Culture » ac213 » 17th November 2015

Come join Writers' Soc for our first publication of the year's launch party. We'll have readings from the contributors, writing games and some delicious pizza! Don't forget the usual tea and biscuits. See you there :)

Writers' soc EGM: Arts & Culture » ac213 » 24th November 2015

Will will be having a small EGM to elect a new OCM (Ordinary committee member). So come join the writer's family by running for the position! Also free tea and biscuits for all

Writers' Soc Meeting: Arts & Culture » AC201 » 19th January 2016

Happy new year! Come join the Writers' Soc for some super fun writing prompts, writing games, and for some FREE PIZZA! The usual tea and biscuits will also be provided.

Writers' movie night!: Arts & Culture » ac213 » 26th January 2016

Come join us at our MOVIE NIGHT after our regular meeting, where will be screening the exceptional 'FIGHT CLUB'. There will be plenty of popcorn, tea, coffee, and biscuits to go around.

Writers Convention: Conference » Arts Millennium Building » 30th January 2016



Join NUI Galway's Writers' Society as we celebrate writing and student societies here in Galway. This is an open public event that will be held on January 30th. It's the second event of its kind here in NUI Galway and we have some plans to make it very special! The day long event will be dedicated to writing and student societies with special guest speakers, writing workshops, society performances, a competitive inter-varsity poetry slam and an open mic session. So there's an opportunity to bring along your own writing, get to hear from some other writers. This will be laid out in the "swap sessions" room where you can view old publications of ours and works of others throughout the day. Entry fee is €2. If you have any queries about the day, pop us an email at this address: writers@socs.nuigalway.ie Hope to see you there! Guest speakers include Kevin Higgins, Anne Marie Kennedy, Fenella Fox, Rory O'Sullivan and Amber Patton. Array of workshops include fiction, drama, speech, horror and fan-fiction.

Writers' soc meeting: Arts & Culture » ac213 » 02nd February 2016

Come join the Writers' society for some super fun writing prompts, writing games, and our monthly 'Work in progress' reading! The usual tea and biscuits will also be provided. See you there :)

Word game night: Social » Galway, 3 William Street West, Galway's West End, Galway, Blue note pub » 09th February 2016

This week join the writers' Soc for a word game night/ open mike at the Blue Note pub! Including scrabble, boggle, and all your favorites. What's not to like? We look forward to seeing you there.

Writers' Soc EGM: Arts & Culture » Ac203 » 16th February 2016

Want to know what it's like to be part of a committee? Welcome to our Writers' Soc EGM if you'd like to lend a helping hand by taking up a position on our committee. The usual tea & biscuits will also be provided. See you there!

Writers' soc meeting: Arts & Culture » Ac203 » 23rd February 2016

Come join the Writers' society for some super fun writing prompts, writing games, and for some general banter! The usual tea and biscuits will also be provided. See you there :)

Writers' Soc Meeting!: Arts & Culture » ac 203 » 01st March 2016

Come join the Writers' society for some super fun writing prompts, writing games, and for some general banter! The usual tea and biscuits will also be provided. See you there :)

Writers' Soc meeting: Arts & Culture » Ac203 » 08th March 2016

Come join the Writers' society for some super fun writing prompts, writing games, and our monthly 'Work in progress' reading! The usual tea and biscuits will also be provided. See you there :)

Writers' Soc Publication Launch: Arts & Culture » Galway, 4 William St West, Galway, The Secret Garden » 15th March 2016

Come join the Writers' Soc, as we celebrate the launch of our 2nd publication of the year! To celebrate we'll be having an open mike in 'The secret Garden' cafe! Bring pieces to read or just come along and listen.

Writers' Soc Meeting: Arts & Culture » Ac203 » 05th April 2016

Come join Writers' Soc for an evening of writing prompts, writing games, and some nice chit chat. You can ask us about joining our committee!!The usual tea and biscuits will be provided. See you then :)

Writers' Soc AGM: Arts & Culture » Ac203 » 12th April 2016

We will be having an AGM for our upcoming committee of 2016/17. The positions up for grabs are Auditor, Vice Auditor, Treasurer, and Secretary. Come along and take up a position! Free pizza afterwards :)

Writers' Soc Open Mike: Arts & Culture » D'arcy Thompson » 14th April 2016

Come join the Writers' Soc for a writing workshop and OPEN MIC NIGHT. Come read out your own pieces of writing, be it short stories or poems. Or if you can come and listen! Everyone is welcome :)

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Cathy Lee

Treasurer: Lauren Moriarty

Vice-Auditor: Ruth Sweeney

Convention Convener/Events Manager: Huriel Toko

PRO: Katie Place

Events Manager: Aleksandra Skorczynska

OCM: Jordan McHugh

Secretary: Eimear Flaherty

Publisher: Joshua Kenehan

OCM: Richard O'Toole

OCM: William Fischer

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Ruth Sweeney

Secretary: Katie Place

Vice-Auditor: Aleksandra Skorczynska

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	445.24	Bank charge	€63.94
Refund of Expenses	€2.00	Dinner/Food	€448.49
Socs box Till	€130.00	Entertainment	€160.00
Ticket Sales	€50.00	Materials	€344.42
USC Grant	€1,250.00	Prizes	€22.00

		Reception	€19.99
		Society transport	€140.00
		Speaker travel	€205.00
		Stationary	€4.32
		Video Hire	€7.99
		Expenditure Total	€1,416.15
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€461.09
Total	€1,877.24	Total	

Mission Statement

The mission of this society is to provide a welcoming space in which student writers can interact, showcase their skills, hone their craft and contribute creatively to the society in a friendly atmosphere of like minded people.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

The aims of the Society shall be to provide a safe environment for students with an interest in writing; to foster creativity and encourage the exchanging of ideas to better our members as writers; to provide good, honest feedback to members during open readings in our meetings; to publish students' compositions through our seasonal publications and our online blog; to work positively with other societies at NUIG through collaborations, such as workshops, culture nights, open mics, themed weeks.

Society Performance Reflection

Overall, our society proved to be highly successful this year. We managed to encourage a friendly atmosphere within each of our meetings. We organized an array of writing inspired events, including our word game night and our open mike night. We also brought our meetings to various locations so which to provide a refreshing new environment for writers. This includes our meeting at the Blue Note pub and our publication launch at the secret garden cafe. We also held our second annual Writers' Convention which we would regard as our greatest success.

As a committee we worked well as team. We were aware of what needed to be done and knew how to communicate within the group to ensure success within the society. We were all valued for our individual roles in the society but thrived on working with each other in order to run the society. For example, our PRO, publisher and secretary worked well together as they needed to communicate the various details of our meeting events. Our Auditor and Vice auditor worked together to run our weekly meetings, however the writing prompts were provided by each member of the committee through a rota system.

We worked hard to offer better feedback during our meeting. This was one the main goals we set out. It's important that members get given good feedback when they read out at our meetings. We worked on a 3 comment tactic, where we made sure at least 3 people gave out feedback to the person who had read out. This sped up feedback time and allowed for more people to read out and receive feedback.

Due to unforeseen circumstances various members had to leave the committee, this meant other committee members had to take up extra jobs for a short period of time until they were filled. This was difficult at times, but we managed to pull together and run the society successfully despite this bump in the road.

We managed to release two publications, which highly encouraged people to get involved with the society by submitting their work, in any format. These were made available in print and online. Due to the quality of our publication, we won an award at the socs awards 2016.

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

We achieved a variety of our goals we set out for the year. We helped encourage writing within the university by providing a safe space for students to meet each week and meet people with similar interest and share their work.

1. **OUR PUBLICATION:** We aimed to also offered a platform for which students could publish their works. Our seasonal publication encouraged students to flourish and to get actively involved with the Writers' Society. We published, in print and online, two booklets of our members' writing and showcased their talents. We also combined with other societies to create other publication, such as with GIG Soc, to develop others interest in writing and spread our message of providing a safe environment. This was one of our main goals of the year.
2. **MEETINGS:**One of our other main aims for the year was to strive and provide better feedback to our members who read out their writing. We worked on various tactics on how to provide constructive criticism and faster feedback time so that members could improve his/her writing, but also to make sure that each and every one of our members get a chance to read out their work. We used 3 comment tactic in order to improve feedback time and quality. This involved making sure each person on the committee was ready to offer some kind of feedback on our members writing, once 3 people had commented on a single piece of writing we would open the floor for other people to read out. >Additionally, we wanted to introduce a warmer environment within each meeting. We introduced a discussion session at the beginning of each meeting, where it provided members with a chance to engage with everyone by having a discussion about topics of interest such as literary muses and favourite novels, poems, and plays.> We also introduced group work which involved working together to create a piece of writing. This offered members a chance to engage with other styles of writing and teamwork.
3. **EVENTS:** We aimed to host a range of writing themed events so to encourage writing within the university. We held 27 different events, which includes our weekly meetings. We held Word game nights, our annual convention, and promoted our publication by holding publication launch nights. We also held our Annual Writers' Convention which invited students and indeed members of the community to get actively involved with writing.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success as a society was organizing our 2nd annual Writers' convention, which was held on the 31st of January. This was by far our biggest event of the year and involved a significant amount of energy and teamwork from our committee members and our sub-committee.. The committee worked well together as a team and were valued for the role on the team. Each were assigned different jobs for the convention, for example we created the 'Poster squad' for the group who were in charge of publicizing the event along with the PRO. We managed to work well as team in order to run the convention.

We invited various accomplished writers, playwrights, and bloggers to come speak at the event. It allowed for attendees to get an insight into each of the various formats of writing and possible careers that can come from writing. We also provided members with a chance to share their works with everyone. By the various wonderful comments left by attendees in our guestbook, it seems as if it was success. Everyone really enjoyed the day, which is why we would regard this as one of our greatest success.

Greatest Challenge

> At the beginning of the year it proved to be difficult to explain the concept of Writers' Society to potential members and other committee members of other societies. Many people found the idea of Writers' Soc difficult to grasp. For instance, people thought we helped with academic essays. This meant each member had to be fully equipt on society day to explain the concept of the society to everyone and let other societies know that we were capable of collaborating.

>Due to unforeseen circumstances various committee members were unable to fulfill their duties and had to leave the committee. This posed some challenges to the committee. (Our events manager, PRO, and OCM.)This meant each existing member had to take up extra responsibilities until each position had been filled. At times it was difficult to work as a team during this period.

>Another one of the challenges we faced was with advertising our society. It was difficult to spread the word of the society, with having to compete with various bigger societies.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 11 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 9 committee members.

Writers' Soc Alive Certificates		
<u>Eimear Flaherty</u>	Secretary	80 hours
<u>Cathy Lee</u>	Auditor	150 hours
<u>Jordan McHugh</u>	Ordinary Committee Member, Poster Squad	35 hours
<u>Joshua Kenehan</u>	Publisher	50 hours
<u>Lauren Moriarty</u>	Treasurer	80 hours
<u>Huriel Toko</u>	Convention Convener	80 hours
<u>Katie Place</u>	Volunteer	25 hours
<u>Ruth Sweeney</u>	Auditor	80 hours
<u>Richard O'Toole</u>	Committee Member	85 hours
# ALIVE Students:	9 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	665 hours	

Other Information

We held 24 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 473 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Young Fine Gael Soc

The Young Fine Gael Society this year was mostly focused on the general election which was in February of this year. We had plenty of events in the first semester, and had some social gatherings to get to know our new society members. In second semester we spent a lot of evenings out canvassing for the different fine Gael candidates. Overall I think the committee members and the dedicated ordinary committee members enjoyed a great year full of activities and election focused events.

Young Fine Gael Society Events list (27 Individual Events)

Young Fine Gael EGM: Other » Ac203 » 21st September 2015

We'll be having our EGM to fill our remaining committee positions at 8pm in AC203 on the Concourse. We'll have free pizza at the meeting and refreshments after!

Leaflet Drop for Hildegarde Naughton: Other » Galway, Knocknacara, Church Car Park » 28th September 2015

Leaflet Drop for H. Naughton's public meeting on childcare.

Michael Collins Film Screening: Other » McMunn » 12th October 2015

Screening of Michael Collins Film

Post Budget Discussion with Senator Hildegarde Naughton: Other » Ac203 » 19th October 2015

Weekly meeting of YFG. The topic for discussion this week is The National Budget. Guest Speaker is Senator Hildegarde Naughton.

Weekly Discussion: Other » Ac203 » 02nd November 2015

Weekly Discussion. Free Pizza & refreshments.

Cinema Night: Social » Galway, Headford Road, IMC Cinema » 09th November 2015

So, our event for next week is going to see the new Bond film. We're going to see it on Monday 9th November at 8.30pm in the IMC on the Headford Road, we'll all meet at Smokey's at 8pm. Naturally there will be refreshments after!

Weekly Meeting: Other » AC202 » 16th November 2015

Weekly Meeting of YFG. Will be discussing recent events in Ireland & internationally.

Guest Speaker- Dr. Enda Howley, (Constituency Chairman, Galway West): Other » AC202 » 23rd November 2015

Dr. Enda Howley is the Constituency Chairman of Galway West.

Christmas Party! :D: Social » College Bar, Main Bar » 23rd November 2015

Our annual Christmas Party.

A Guide to Canvassing: Training » TBC » 11th January 2016

Our first event of 2016. Mr. David Mc Laughlin YFG NWRO, and a former Chair of the branch in NUIG will be giving a presentation of the dos and don'ts of canvassing in the upcoming general election. Free Pizza followed by mandatory refreshments.

Socs Day 2: Other » Bailey Allen Hall » 13th January 2016

Socs Day 2.

Fine Gael Ard Fheis: Conference » Dublin, Citywest, Citywest » 22nd January 2016

Fine Gael Ard Fheis 2016

Canvassing: Other » Galway, Galway City, Unknown » 27th January 2016

Canvass for John O' Mahony TD. Leaving Quad @ 5. Transport arranged. Refreshments provided.

Canvassing 2: Other » Galway, Galway City, No Venue » 28th January 2016

Canvassing. See Facebook & emails for further details.

YFG Canvassing: Other » Galway, Galway City, N/A » 02nd February 2016

YFG Canvassing for upcoming General Election. Meet at 5 at Quadrangle. Transport & refreshments provided. Contact Liam Coppinger (yfg@socs.nuigalway.ie) for further details.

Battle of the Parties: Other » Kirwan Theatre » 03rd February 2016

YFG will be participating in this debate between the various political party's youth wings.

YFG Canvassing: Other » Galway, Galway City, N/A » 04th February 2016

YFG Canvassing for upcoming General Election. Meet at 5 at Quadrangle. Transport & refreshments provided. Contact Liam Coppinger (yfg@socs.nuigalway.ie) for further details.

YFG Canvassing: Other » Galway, Galway City, N/A » 09th February 2016

YFG Canvassing for upcoming General Election. Meet at 5 at Quadrangle. Transport & refreshments provided. Contact Liam Coppinger (yfg@socs.nuigalway.ie) for further details.

YFG Canvassing: Other » Galway, Galway City, N/A » 11th February 2016

YFG Canvassing for upcoming General Election. Meet at 5 at Quadrangle. Transport & refreshments provided. Contact Liam Coppinger (yfg@socs.nuigalway.ie) for further details.

YFG Canvassing: Other » Galway, Galway City, N/A » 16th February 2016

YFG Canvassing for upcoming General Election. Meet at 5 at Quadrangle. Transport & refreshments provided. Contact Liam Coppinger (yfg@socs.nuigalway.ie) for further details.

YFG Canvassing: Other » Galway, Galway City, N/A » 18th February 2016

YFG Canvassing for upcoming General Election. Meet at 5 at Quadrangle. Transport & refreshments provided. Contact Liam Coppinger (yfg@socs.nuigalway.ie) for further details.

YFG Canvassing: Other » Galway, Galway City, N/A » 23rd February 2016

YFG Canvassing for upcoming General Election. Meet at 5 at Quadrangle. Transport & refreshments provided. Contact Liam Coppinger (yfg@socs.nuigalway.ie) for further details.

YFG Canvassing: Other » Galway, Galway City, N/A » 25th February 2016

YFG Canvassing for upcoming General Election. Meet at 5 at Quadrangle. Transport & refreshments provided. Contact Liam Coppinger (yfg@socs.nuigalway.ie) for further details.

Post-Election Review & AGM: Other » Ac203 » 04th April 2016

Mr. David McLaughlin NWRO YFG will be giving a talk on the general election. Followed by discussion. AGM & election of next year's committee.

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Liam Coppinger

Treasurer: Stephen Tumulty

Ordinary Committee Member: Terence O'Reilly

First Year Rep: Liam Quinn

Vice-Auditor: Niall Curley

Secretary: Orla Burke

PRO: Catherine Quinn

Ordinary Committee Member : Eoin McCormack

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Niall Curley

Treasurer: Stephen Tumulty

Secretary: Liam Quinn

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	813.71	Affill/Mem fees	€235.00
Members Contributions	€124.00	Bank charge	€20.00
USC Grant	€1,500.00	Dinner/Food	€399.09
		Entry fees	€109.05
		Reception	€282.59
		Society accomm	€170.20
		Socs day expenses	€100.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,315.93
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,121.78
Total	€2,437.71	Total	€2,437.71

Mission Statement

To proudly present an outlet for members of the student and staff bodies of NUI Galway to interact over a shared interest in Fine Gael, while maintaining the longstanding reputation of the society over previous generations.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

To promote Young Fine Gael on campus.

To encourage our members to actively participate in the society.
 To recruit new like minded members.
 To assist the party achieve an overall majority during the upcoming general election.

Society Performance Reflection

The society did very well this year. We achieved our goals when it came to the general election by electing two Fine Gael TD's. The number of students who signed up was also high so overall we were pleased.

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

Yes we achieved most of our goals, however we had intended on paying a visit to Dail Eireann but that never happened as society members were tied up with different things when we approached them with dates.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was probably playing a role in electing the two Fine Gael TD's. Most evenings we had high numbers of members out helping canvassing.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge was providing the society members with different events and activities to keep everybody interested. It was no problem in the second semester as we were election focused.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 8 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 8 committee members.

Young Fine Gael Soc ALIVE Certificates		
<u>Stephen Tumulty</u>	Treasurer	30 hours
<u>Orla Burke</u>	Secretary	90 hours
# ALIVE Students:	2 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	120 hours	

Other Information

We held 14 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 226 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Zen Society

NUIG Zen Society exist in order to provide an opportunity for students and staff to practice zazen (seated meditation) in the Soto Zen tradition. We have a weekly drop-in meditation session in the Large Acoustic Room in Áras na Mac Léinn. We also offer an opportunity to learn more about zen and zazen through talks, workshops and participation in longer retreats (sesshin).

Zen Society Events list (30 Individual Events)

Drop in Meditation: Health & Lifestyle » The Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 14th October 2015

Join us for meditation, all welcome.

Introduction to Zazen Workshop: Other » Galway, Galway, Áras na nGael, 45 Sráid Doimnic » 03rd November 2015

Introduction to meditation with a chance to practice both seated seated meditation (zazen) and walking meditation (kinhin), with a time for tea and discussion afterwards. Presented by NUIG Zen Society in co-operation with Galway Zen Dojo.

Drop-in Meditation: Health & Lifestyle » Large Acoustic » 04th November 2015

Join us for meditation, all welcome.

Introduction to Zazen Workshop: Other » Galway, Galway, Áras na nGael, 45 Sráid Doiminic » 10th November 2015

Introduction to meditation with a chance to practice both seated seated meditation (zazen) and walking meditation (kinhin), with a time for tea a and discussion afterwards. Presented by NUIG Zen Society in co-operation with Galway Zen Dojo.

Drop-in Meditation: Health & Lifestyle » Large Acoustic » 11th November 2015

Join us for meditation, all welcome.

Introduction to Zazen Workshop: Other » Galway, Galway, Áras na nGael, 45 Sráid Doiminic » 17th November 2015

Introduction to meditation with a chance to practice both seated seated meditation (zazen) and walking meditation (kinhin), with a time for tea a and discussion afterwards. Presented by NUIG Zen Society in co-operation with Galway Zen Dojo.

Drop-in Meditation: Health & Lifestyle » Large Acoustic » 18th November 2015

Join us for meditation, all welcome.

Introduction to Zazen Workshop: Other » Galway, Galway, Áras na nGael, 45 Sráid Doiminic » 24th November 2015

Introduction to meditation with a chance to practice both seated seated meditation (zazen) and walking meditation (kinhin), with a time for tea and discussion afterwards. Presented by NUIG Zen Society in co-operation with Galway Zen Dojo.

Drop-in Meditation: Health & Lifestyle » Large Acoustic » 25th November 2015

Join us for meditation, all welcome.

Introduction to Zazen Workshop: Other » Galway, Galway, Áras na nGael, 45 Sráid Doiminic, Gaillimh » 01st December 2015

Introduction to meditation with a chance to practice both seated seated meditation (zazen) and walking meditation (kinhin), with a time for tea and discussion afterwards. Presented by NUIG Zen Society in co-operation with Galway Zen Dojo.

Drop-in Meditation: Health & Lifestyle » Large Acoustic » 02nd December 2015

Join us for meditation, all welcome.

Introduction to Zazen Workshop: Other » Galway, Galway, Áras na nGael, 45 Sráid Doiminic, Gaillimh » 08th December 2015

Introduction to meditation with a chance to practice both seated seated meditation (zazen) and walking meditation (kinhin), with a time for tea a and discussion afterwards. Presented by NUIG Zen Society in co-operation with Galway Zen Dojo.

Drop-in Meditation: Health & Lifestyle » Large Acoustic » 09th December 2015

Join us for meditation, all welcome.

Introduction to Zazen Workshop: Other » Galway, Galway, Áras na nGael, 45 Sráid Doiminic, Gaillimh » 15th December 2015

Introduction to meditation with a chance to practice both seated seated meditation (zazen) and walking meditation (kinhin), with a time for tea a and discussion afterwards. Presented by NUIG Zen Society in co-operation with Galway Zen Dojo.

Drop-in Meditation: Health & Lifestyle » Large Acoustic » 16th December 2015

Join us for meditation, all welcome.

Zazen (Sitting meditation): Other » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 20th January 2016

A brief introduction to zen sitting followed by 30 minutes of zazen. Free event.

Zazen (Sitting meditation): Other » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 27th January 2016

A brief introduction to zen sitting followed by 30 minutes of zazen. Free event.

Zazen (Sitting meditation): Other » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 03rd February 2016
A brief introduction to zen sitting followed by 30 minutes of zazen. Free event.

Zazen (Sitting meditation): Other » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 10th February 2016
A brief introduction to zen sitting followed by 30 minutes of zazen. Free event.

Zazen (Sitting meditation): Other » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 17th February 2016
A brief introduction to zen sitting followed by 30 minutes of zazen. Free event.

Zazen (Sitting meditation): Other » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 24th February 2016
A brief introduction to zen sitting followed by 30 minutes of zazen. Free event.

Zazen (Sitting meditation): Other » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 02nd March 2016
A brief introduction to zen sitting followed by 30 minutes of zazen. Free event.

Zazen (Sitting meditation): Other » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 09th March 2016
A brief introduction to zen sitting followed by 30 minutes of zazen. Free event.

Zen: Simply Sitting: Other » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 14th March 2016
French Zen monk Luc Boussard will give a talk on zen practice on the theme of "simply sitting". Refreshments and discussion afterwards.

Zazen (Sitting meditation): Other » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 16th March 2016
A brief introduction to zen sitting followed by 30 minutes of zazen. Free event.

Zazen (Sitting meditation): Other » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 23rd March 2016
A brief introduction to zen sitting followed by 30 minutes of zazen. Free event.

Zazen (Sitting meditation): Other » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 30th March 2016
A brief introduction to zen sitting followed by 30 minutes of zazen. Free event.
Tags: meditation, zen, zazen, mindfulness, shikantaza

Zazen (Sitting meditation): Other » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 13th April 2016
A brief introduction to zen sitting followed by 30 minutes of zazen. Free event.

Zazen (Sitting meditation): Other » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 20th April 2016
A brief introduction to zen sitting followed by 30 minutes of zazen. Free event.

Committee 2015/2016

Secretary: Daniel Magan

Auditor: Thomas Cleary

Vice-Auditor: Paddy Delaney

Treasurer: Edward Munnelly

Committee Member: Daniel Mulcahy

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Paddy Delaney

Secretary: Daniel Magan

Vice-Auditor: Thomas Cleary

Treasurer: Edward Munnelly

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	422.11	Bank charge	€15.52
USC Grant	€1,650.00	Materials	€526.88
		Speaker accomm	€269.00
		Speaker travel	€346.50
		Expenditure Total	€1,157.90
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€914.21
Total	€2,072.11	Total	€2,072.11

Mission Statement

NUIG Zen Society exists in order to provide an opportunity for students and staff to practice zazen (seated meditation) in the Soto Zen tradition.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

NUIG Zen Society aims to provide a weekly drop-in meditation session for students and the broader University community. We would like to develop a self-sustaining group of students and staff who can practice zazen together on a regular basis, and we hope to achieve this through regular meditation sessions and by providing an opportunity to learn more about zen and zazen through talks, workshops and participation in longer retreats (sessin).

Society Performance Reflection

We feel that this second year of our existence as a society was fairly successful since we were able to sustain weekly meetings for meditation throughout both semesters as well as one or two other events.

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

NUIG Zen Society was able to provide a weekly drop-in meditation session for students and staff from the beginning of the first semester through the final week of exams in semester 2 with an average of about 10-12 people at each session. These groups always included beginners there to find out about zazen and students who practiced every with ZenSoc. The committee for next year was elected from among this group. Some Zen Soc members attended a regular weekly introductory workshop organised in conjunction with the Galway Zen Dojo during the first semester group from Zen oc and another group were able to attend a 3-day retreat in Athenry together in the second semester. We were also able to invite an outside speaker for a talk and sushi evening! In this sense, we feel that we have met most of our objectives. We feel that this s

Greatest Success

Weekly zazen with between 2 and 25 members (average 10-12) would be our greatest success. Members and non-members know that we are there every week, meditating together. We also managed to eat a large amount of sushi at one sitting again this year.

Greatest Challenge

As Zen Society is completely member run and driven with no outside teachers, the difficulty will be to keep our regular and consistent meditation sessions going as members come and go.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 5 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 5 committee members.

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 300 members. 4 committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Zoo Soc

This year Zoo Soc's main focus was to have one seminar per month going, which in a way did work out besides a winter break and the last period. In the beginning of the year we held a meeting and everyone put down ideas in small groups, which were gathered and the topics were tried to be oriented around the ideas and animals of interest. Then a trip to the Aquarium was planned, followed by a movie screening of a documentary about the ecosystem of Maerl Beds in Ireland and Co. Galway in particular. Also presentations from NUIG PhD students such as Keith Browne were given as well as showing discussing and presenting opportunities such as Turtle Volunteering for the summer or after college. All the time the events were spiced up with practical specimens such as stuffed real sea turtles, bee hives with honey and mead tasting etc. We always have an incredible turnout of 20-150 people at our events, of which we are really proud and also would like to thank socsbox for all the support.

Zoo Society Events list (10 Individual Events)

Zoo Soc AGM: Training » The Space Aras Na Mac Léinn » 14th September 2015

Come on 512 EcoSoc members - we need you! We are looking for people interested to fulfill committee positions and members who want to actively engage in the society. So come along and join us! We will talk about what to do this year, maybe new hoodies etc. We will probably head over to the college bar or the scholars rest (which now has a new name I can't remember) after! We are all looking forward seeing you!



ZooBic Night Out: Social » Galway, Galway City, The Skeff » 23rd September 2015

All are welcome - bring friends, flatmates, college mates and break the ice with your new zoological friends. Have free food, win one of our cool new hoodies and have a great time! We look forward seeing you there

Maerl Film Screening with director and presenter Siddhi Joshi: Seminar » MRI 201 » 14th October 2015

Come and be drawn into the unique underwater world of the Irish Coast with its unique Maerl beds threatened by ocean acidification. Siddhi - a final year PhD student of NUI Galway will present her own documentary of the coralline maerl algae (<https://vimeo.com/114066818>). On the day we hope to present you with some maerl specimens, a short intro talk, the documentary, popcorn and refreshments after. All welcome!

What is bugging Irish honey bees?: Seminar » MRI 201 » 04th November 2015

Seminar by Keith Browne: Native Irish honey bees are subjected to habitat depletion, the deleterious effects of pesticides, genetic dilution through the use of imported honey bees and a debilitating attack from an invading parasite. This talk looks at the biology of Irish honey bees, current and future threats to their existence and the new research that has been initiated in NUI Galway to help redress the balance in favour of an insect that is essential in placing one out of every three mouthfuls of food on your plate. On the day we will also display an empty beehive, beekeeping equipment and have a honey and honey-beverage-tasting on.

From Catch to Plate - A perspective on Tuna Fishing and Consumption: Seminar » MRI 201 » 25th November 2015

November Seminar from ZooS in collaboration with the Zoology Department: From Catch to Plate - A perspective on Tuna Fishing and Consumption By Bernadette O'Neill, Stellenbosch University, South Africa All Welcome!

EcoSoc Christmas Night Out: Social » Galway, Galway City, Garvey's Eyre Square » 03rd December 2015

EcoSoc Christmas Party at McGettigans! Free finger food, beverages and the like so come along and have a break from studying.

Zoo Soc Seminar Exotic Animals: Seminar » MRI Annex Lecture Hall » 24th February 2016

Zoo Soc is delighted to announce that we will be hosting two seminars on exotic animals in the MRI Annex seminar room! Adjunct lecturer and founder of Eco-Explorers Dr. Michel Dugon returns to tell us about his work with giant centipedes and Collie Ennis from Trinity college and owner of The Critter cave will be talking about taking care of a variety of amazing exotic creatures. Followed by Reception with snacks and beverages and an ANIMAL PETTING SESSION (Tarantulas, Snakes, Scorpions, Lizards).

Sea Turtle Talk: Seminar » MRI Annex Lecture Hall » 03rd March 2016

Seaturtle Ecology conservation seminar with Zoo Soc, Sylvan Benaksas and Goncalo Lourenco will be speaking about the great work that the charity does. So don't miss out!

Turtle Conservation Volunteering Talk: Seminar » MRI Annex Lecture Hall » 03rd March 2016

For over 30 years ARCHELON, the Sea Turtle Protection Society of Greece, has been conducting conservation projects on all major loggerhead areas in Greece. This Thursday two volunteers and team leaders will give a presentation on the program and volunteering options and you will be able to ask them questions and get more info. Well worth going to especially if you don't have any plans for the summer yet.

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Alina Wieczorek

PR-Star: Nicole Dennehy

Secretary: Janic Schulte

Vice-Auditor: Amy Houlihan

Organiser: Michael English

Committee 2016/2017

Auditor: Alina Wieczorek

Secretary: Michael English

Vice-Auditor: Amy Houlihan

Temp PRO: Nicole Dennehy

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	442.41	Bank charge	€26.74
Hoodies	€32.00	Entry fees	€105.00
Socs box Till	€356.00	Equipment misc	€15.75
USC Grant	€750.00	Hoodies	€320.00
		Reception	€184.23
		Speaker accomm	€37.37
		Expenditure Total	€689.09
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€891.32
Total	€1,580.41	Total	€1,580.41

Mission Statement

Our mission is to bring together people with interest in animals and the study of animals. We promote awareness about animal wildlife and threatened species on a national and international scale, support animal sanctuaries and the learning of the students in NUI Galway in a practical manner.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We want to:

- 1) Host Monthly Seminars
- 2) Have at least 4 nights out to socialise
- 3) a photography competition
- 5) stranding course with IWDG
- 6) movie screenings
- 7) trip to Atlantaquarium, Natural History Museum and Dublin Zoo

Society Performance Reflection

We did well on the seminars, only had 2 social nights out, did not do the stranding course, but did a movie screening and a trip including a squid dissection in the Aquarium. We also organised hoodies for everyone.

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

Yes, see above.

Greatest Success

The Aquarium trip as well as the exotic animal seminar.

Greatest Challenge

Keeping people in committee positions and fulfilling their role. As an auditor filling out the secretary's report right now I always have to cover things people do not do including tidying up after an event etc.

Individual Committee Members - Hopes & Aspirations (September 2015)

Completed by 5 committee members.

Individual Committee Members - End of Year Reflection (April 2016)

Completed by 5 committee members.

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 527 members. 4 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: Jordan Markey

Social & Debating: Cameron Keighron

Social Action & Political: Daire Hickey McGovern

Volunteering & Religious: Ashita Dutta

Special Interest: Tim Murphy

Administrator & Secretary: Riona Hughes (Societies Officer)

Societies Office Staff:

Full time:

Billy Stewart

Isabella De Luca

Sam Iredale

David McEnroe

Part-time:

Mary O'Toole

Maeve McCaldin Hammer

Colm McElligott

Susan Collins

Appendix 2: Socs Awards



The NUI Galway Societies Awards 2016 took place in the Salthill Hotel on March 31st, with music from Transmitter and performances from Choral Soc and Paddy Quinn of Musical Society (GUMS).

The winners on the night were:

Best Society (In a Cultural, Academic or Social field) - BICS
Medicine Soc

Best Society (in a Charity or Civic field) - BICS

Draíocht

Best Event - BICS

Anime & Manga Society for “Akumakon 2016”

Best Individual - BICS

Cameron Keighron - GIG Soc (Gay in Galway) LGBTQA

Best New Society - BICS

Surgical Society

Best Fresher - BICS

Ciarán MacChoncarraige - French Soc & Draíocht

Best Publicity Campaign - BICS

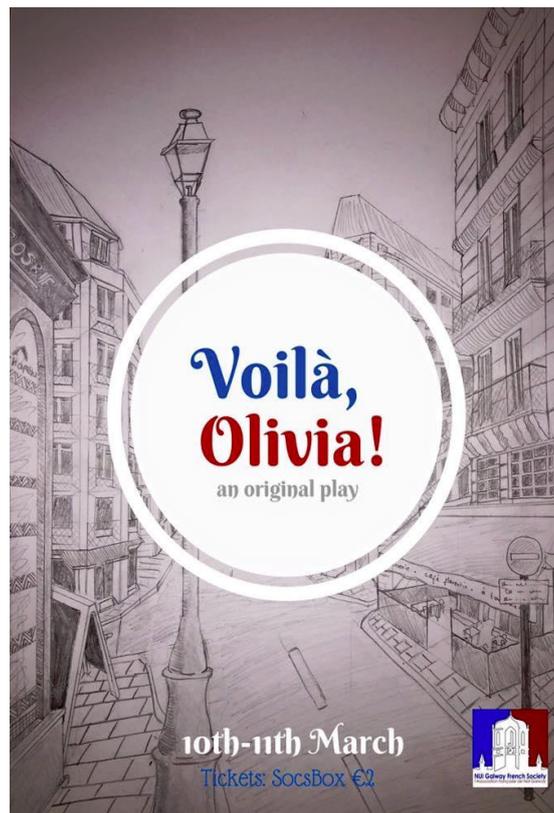
Potter Soc for Potterfest 2016

Best Promotional Video - BICS

Film Soc & Potter Soc for “Azkaban Superstar Sirius Black”

Best Poster - BICS

French Soc for “Voilà Olivia” designed by Ciaran MacChoncarraige



Best Society Photo - BICS

GIG Soc (Gay in Galway) - Trans* Day of Remembrance Ceremony



Most Successful

ESN NUI Galway

Best Website

Medicine Society for www.nuigmedicalsociety.com

Best Cultural Contribution to the University

Cumann Staire

Best Small Publication

Writers' Soc

Phoenix Award

Law Soc

Most 'ALIVE' Award

Musical Society (GUMS) for 58 members with 22714 hours volunteered

Best Departmental

Neuro Soc

Múscailt Award - Best Original Event

Victorian Soc for the Victorian Fair

Múscailt Award - Best Artistic Contribution

Photo Soc for FOCUS 2016

Best Treasurer

Hannah Jansen

The "Big Win" Award

Dramsoc - "Someone Who'll Watch Over Me"

Best Outreach Award

Friends of MSF

Collaboration Award

CCAFS

Best International Society

ACS

Best Themed Week

Psychological Society – Mental Health Week

We are the Champions Award

Choral Soc

Truly Spectacular Award

Rover Soc

Hot Ticket Award

VSA – Student Race Day

“We Found Nemo” Award

Marine Soc

Best Production

The Addams Family

Building Communities Award

Eng Soc

The Helping Hand Award

Tim Murphy

The Graphic Design Award

Hannah Keenan

“Have you no home to go to” Award

Cathal Donovan

“I have a Dream” Award

Joss Myers

“Above and Beyond the Call of Duty” Award

Richard Brown

Lifetime Achievement Award

Sean Reilly

Appendix 3: BICS Awards

The BICS Awards took place on 14th April 2016 In The Radisson Blu Hotel, Limerick. NUI Galway won four awards on the night, maintaining our place on the top of the Leadership Board.



Best Society (In a Cultural, Social or Academic Field) - Large College - Medicine Soc



Best Society (In a Civic/Charity Field) - Large College – Draíocht



Best Fresher - Large College - Ciarán MacChoncarraige (French Soc)



Best Intervarsity - Potter Soc - Potterfest

Best Society in a Cultural, Academic or Social Field (Small College) - Radio Society from IT Tallaght

Best Society in a Charity or Civic Field (Small College) - SVP Society from IT Tralee

Best Society Event (Large College) - DCUtv 24 Hour Broadcast from DCU, DCU MPS

Best Society Event (Small College) - Radio Week from IT Tallaght, Radio Society

Best Society Individual (Large College)- Eoin Lúca O'Ceallaigh from DCU, DCU MPS

Best Society Individual (Small College) - Martin Crowley from CIT and Emma Mullan from IT Tallaght

Most Improved Society (Large College) - Dance Society from DIT

Most Improved Society (Small College) - Music Society from IT Tralee

Best New Society (Large College) - Music Society from UCC

Best New Society (Small College) - Cumann Gaelach from IT Tallaght

Best Society Fresher (Small College) - Valintina Miličić from IT Tallaght

Best Mental Health Promoting Event - Positive Mental Health Society, 'Walk The Talk' from GMIT

Best Publicity Campaign - Fashion Soc from DIT

Best Promotional Video - Fashion Soc from DIT

2016 Best Poster - Photo Society from DCU

2016 Best Society Photograph - Dance Society, 'The Outsiders' from DIT

Appendix 4: Failte Fest Orientation



Fresher's

Fáilte

FUN Fest

August 31st
- Sept 4th

First Year
Social
Activities
& Events

Book
Tickets

www.nuigalway.ie/orientation

Book for your free events on-line & collect your tickets at the Ticket Pickup Point in Áras na Mac Léinn before 12pm for each day's events. Note not all events require tickets. See website for details.

Mellow Monday

Aug 31st

Kick back and get to know us and each other

Big Fáilte Photo, Quad 5:30pm

- ★ BBQ with the Chaplains 7pm
- ★ Movies on the Concourse 6, 7, & 9pm
- ★ Societies Variety Show, Áras na Mac Léinn 7:30pm
- ★ Socs Table Quiz, Áras na Mac Léinn 8pm

Terrific Tuesday

Sept 1st

Picnic in the Park

- ★ 2 - 6pm
- ★ Come and meet the clubs and have a bit of craic
- ★ Tag Rugby - 5-a-side - GAA - Athletics, Hockey
- ★ Free Shuttle Bus to Douglas from Kingsdunbar
- ★ Sports Club every 10 mins!
- ★ Free BBQ

Student Union Events

- ★ Outdoor Cinema 7pm
- ★ Engineering Green

Live Band

RED TAPE
9pm College Bar

Big Fáilte Wednesday

Sept 2nd

Societies Fun Fest

- ★ Áras na Mac Léinn, 2-7pm
- ★ Free Food & Prizes, Games, Inflatables, Stalls, Music and much more

Big Fáilte Party

- ★ 8-12pm
- ★ Multi Venue Music - Áras na Mac Léinn & College Bar
- ★ Silent Disco and Dance Off & Free Pizza

Global Thursday

Sept 3rd

- ★ Hangout with the Socs Áras na Mac Léinn 2-5pm
- ★ Tour of the Universe with Astrosc, Concourse
- ★ Movies Áras na Mac Léinn 6, 7 & 9pm
- ★ SU Karaoke College Bar 8pm

Free Food & Prizes

Friendly Friday Sept 4th

- ★ Movies & Games In The Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn
- ★ 3pm Irish Céilí Dancing, The Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn

My First

Do!y

SU Photo

Booths

Accounting

12-5pm

Áras na Mac Léinn

College Bar

Running All Week

- ★ 10am - 5pm Student Union Office: Get your SU Card, ISIC Card, Leap Travel Card, Locker, Secondhand Books, play our Giant Games and maybe win a prize!
- ★ 10am - 5pm **ALIVE**, The Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn: Free tea and fruit
- ★ 10am - 5pm **SocsBox**, Áras na Mac Léinn: Call by for a chat and find out all about the societies.
- ★ 12pm - 3pm **Flirt FM**, Áras na Mac Léinn: Call to the Station and enter draw to win a prize.
- ★ 6pm-10pm **Sports complex, Kingsdunbar Halls**: Get off the coach - take part and meet other students

ARTS OFFICE



Take a Selfie beside any painting, sculpture, drawing on campus, give it your own original title and post it to [facebook.com/Artsandtheatre@nuigalway](https://www.facebook.com/Artsandtheatre@nuigalway) to win some great entertainment and artwork prizes

[facebook.com/nuigalway](https://www.facebook.com/nuigalway)



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#nuigalway

Full Details: www.nuigalway.ie/orientation

Great Prizes and Free Food from our Fáilte Partners:

- ★ Apoche Pizzo, Café na Geallige, College Bar, Friars, Hillbilly's, Maffets, Mz. Wuffie, Smalunga Café, SU XL Shop, The HUB Café & The Wall Café.

NOM NOMS!



Campus Tours

Tuesday to Friday 11.00, 12.00, 2.00, 3.00
Meet at the **Stand** in **Áras na Mac Léinn Foyer**

Mellow Monday August 31st

Big Failte Photo in the Quad

Time: 5:30pm

Venue: Concourse

Chaplain's Barbeque

Time: 7pm

Venue: The Chapel

Societies Variety Show

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Áras na Mac Léinn

Socs Table Quiz

Time: 8pm

Venue: Áras na Mac Léinn

Terrific Tuesday September 1st

Picnic in the Park

Time: 2-6pm

Venue: Dangan

Outdoor Cinema

Time: 7pm

Venue: Engineering Green

Live Band: Red Tape

Time: 9pm

Venue: College Bar

Big Failte Wednesday September 2nd

Societies Fun Fest

Time: 2-7pm

Venue: Áras na Mac

Big Failte Party

Time: 8-12pm

Venue: Áras na Mac Léinn/College Bar

Global Thursday September 3rd

Hangout

Time: 2-5

Venue: Áras na Mac Léinn

Tour of The Universe

Time: All Day

Venue: Concourse

Movies In Áras na Mac Léinn

Time: 6, 7 & 9

Venue: Áras na Mac Léinn

SU karaoke

Time: 8pm

Venue: College Bar

Friendly Friday September 4th

Movies & Games

Time: 5-6pm

Venue: The Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn

Céili Dancing

Time: 3pm

Venue: The Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn

Appendix 5: Themed Weeks

GLOBAL WEEK

Win
€1000!

from
Supermac's

when you
visit their stand
at the Global Fair!

NUI Galway

Free food & prizes

**Celebrating Diversity
Being Kind to the Planet
Understanding Global Issues**

 <p>Global Fair</p> <p>Bailey Allen Hall 11am-4pm Monday, October 5th</p>	<p>Islamic Society Clothes drive for Syrian Refugee Crisis: Drop your clothes to the Black Desk in Áras na Mac Léinn Monday 11am – Thursday 8pm</p>	 <p>8x8 FESTIVAL www.suas.ie/8x8festival</p>
	<p>Anime & Manga Film: Patema Inverted Tues. 7pm Anderson Theatre</p>	
<p>Live Entertainment Kung Fu - Chinese Dance – DJ Soc – Trad Soc Rock Soc, Pandora’s Fox – Choral Soc – Juggling Soc India Society, Bollywood dancing.</p>	<p>French Soc Cheese and Ribena night Tues. 8pm, The Stage</p>	<p>8x8 touring photo exhibition Outside the library all week.</p>
	<p>DanSoc Capoeira Dance Workshop Wed. 6pm, The Cube</p>	<p>Journalism workshop Mon. 6.30pm- AC201 Come along to this 8x8 Workshop to learn from freelance journalist and author Michael McCaughan. Learn how journalists work to report on global issues and capture social change, and the ethics involved!</p>
<p>Community Partners Europe Direct, Seas Suas, Ability West, Clean Coasts - An Taisce, Suas, Amnesty Supermacs, Prairie Organic Ltd, Marcos Restaurant, Big O Taxis</p>	<p>Cumann Staire (History) Guest lecture with Prof. Joseph Bergin Wed. 7pm, McMunn</p>	<p>Film: “The True Cost” Tues. 6pm - O’Tuathail Theatre This is a story about clothing. It’s about the clothes we wear, the people who make them, and the impact the industry is having on our world. The True Cost is a groundbreaking documentary film that pulls back the curtain on the untold story and asks us to consider, who really pays the price for our clothing?</p>
<p>Societies African Caribbean Soc - ‘Black Lives Matter’ Installation, Draíocht - Bake Sale, CCAFS - Games, Islamic Soc - Bake Sale & clothing donation box in aid of Syrian refugee crisis, International Student Soc - Global Café, GIG Soc - Be Brave Campaign, India Soc - Curry & Rice, Chinese Soc, French Soc, Potter Soc, Eco Soc</p>	<p>Potter Soc Bring-A-Dish Night Wed. 8pm, AC203</p>	<p>Film: “I am Dublin” followed by Q&A Wed. 6pm - Fottrell Theatre <i>I am Dublin</i> is a documentary film beginning in a fictional story inspired by a tough reality. Ahmed is one of hundreds of thousands of so-called Dublin-cases that are deprived of all rights and deported from country to country in Europe. They live in a limbo with no control over their own lives.</p>
	<p>DramSoc Drama workshop with cast of Mojo MickyBo- Christopher Grant & Seamus O’Hara Thur. 6pm, The Stage</p>	

5th - 8th October

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Global Fair

Bailey Allen Hall

11am-4pm

Monday, October 5th

Stands from:

ACS – ‘Black Lives Matter’

Draíocht – Bake Sale

CCAFS – Games

Islamic Soc – Bake Sale

French – Global Café

GIG Soc – Be Brave Campaign

India Soc, Chinese Soc,

Potter Soc, Eco Soc

Live Entertainment

Kung Fu - Chinese Dance

DJ Soc - Trad Soc

Bollywood dancing

Pandora’s Fox – Rock Soc

Choral Soc – Juggling Soc

Community Partners

Europe Direct, Big O Taxis

Suas, Amnesty International,
Supermacs, Prairie Organic Ltd,

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FRENCHSOC NUIG

THEMED WEEK 9-13 NOVEMBER



Le Petit Déjeuner

Monday 9th November

To start your week off in true French fashion, make your way to The View in Áras na Mac Léinn between 9-12 a.m. to feast on some fantastic food. Comment pourriez-vous refuser?



Cheese & Wine Night

Tuesday 10th November

As part of French Week, we're holding one of our famous Wine & Cheese Nights in Sheridan's. For just €2 you receive a glass of fine wine and a sample of artisan cheese! Doors 8:30.



Conversation Night

Wednesday 11th November

Un rendez-vous linguistique! Join us in Busker Browne's on Wednesday night for a language exchange night. Socialise, and munch some phenomenal finger food! Doors 9:00



FrenchSoc Table Quiz

Thursday 12th November

Aimez-vous la concurrence? Le triomphe? If so, be sure to take part in FrenchSoc's Table Quiz in Busker Browne's on the 12th and test your trivia skills! More details on our Facebook Page



NUIGFrenchSoc



FrenchSoc 2015/16



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Societies Week

With over 100 societies
to choose from
there's something
for everyone!

November 16th - 21st



Trans* Week - GigSoc
with Students Union
Mon 16th Nov - 5pm
Trans* week Launch
ITSA panel discussion
Large Acoustic room.
Trans* flag raised
Outside Aras na MacLeinn
Tues 17th Nov - 6pm
Repeat the 8th panel
With Choice Soc &
Amnesty Soc, AC202
Wed 18th Nov - 6.30pm
Trans* Remembrance
Ceremony
outside College Bar.
Wed 18th Nov - 7pm
Trans* 101 - IT202
Thurs 19th Nov - 7pm
Writers' workshop
with Writer's Soc

Poster Sale
Áras na MacLeinn
Monday & Tuesday
10am-6pm

Students Union &
BizSoc
Charity Christmas Day
College Bar
Thurs 19th Nov - 10am

Engineering Soc
Soccer Blitz Teams €20
Wed 18th Nov
Sign up in Smokeys
on Monday

NUIG's Got Talent
Final
Musical Soc - GUMS
Bailey Allen Hall
Weds 18th Nov - 7pm

Science Ball - Physics Soc
Galway Bay Hotel
Wed 18th Nov - from 7.30pm

Best Buddies
Bake sale
Smokeys Cafe
Mon 16th Nov

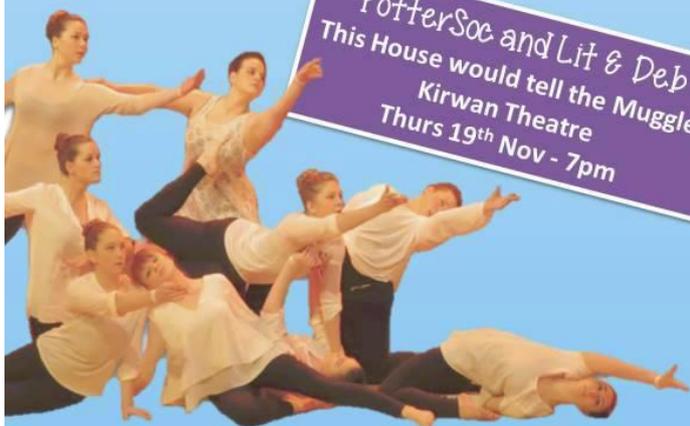
Victorian Soc
Cards against Humanity
Art Room
Wed 18th Nov - 7.30pm

VSA
Christmas Concert
O'Flaherty Theatre
Thurs 19th Nov - 7pm

Photo Soc
Trip to Connemara
National Park &
Kylemore Abbey
Sat 21st Nov - 10pm

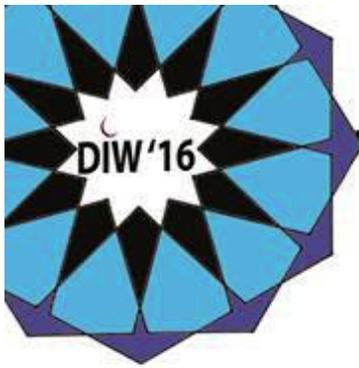
PotterSoc and Lit & Deb
This House would tell the Muggles
Kirwan Theatre
Thurs 19th Nov - 7pm

Don't forget to
renew your membership to
all your favourite societies at
www.yourspace.nuigalway.ie



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Check the calendar for the full line up of all the events



DISCOVER ISLAM WEEK 2016

Organized by:



29th Feb - 3rd March 2016

This is your opportunity to resolve any queries about Islam and bring home our informative flyers about Islam!~

Venue: Concourse

Time: Monday : 2 pm - 4 pm (29/2/2016)
: Wednesday: 11 am - 3 pm (2/3/2016)
: Thursday: 11 am - 3 pm (3/3/2016)

Da'wah table:



A taste of Islam



Hijab Day

An open invitation to Muslims and Non-Muslims to experience the hijab for a day!

Venue: Concourse

Time: Tuesday: 11 am - 4 pm
(1/3/2016)

After fasting the whole day, break your fast with us and as a closing to the week, hear from muslim youth speaking and answering questions about everyday life as a muslim.

Venue: The View - Aras Na Mac Leinn

Time: Thursday: 6 pm - 7 pm
(3/3/2016)



Iftar! FAST-athon



Buns and Roses

Give and you will receive! grab some free treats from our members!

Venue: Aras Moyola Ground Floor

Time: Wednesday: 11 am - 3 pm
(2/3/2016)

Any inquiries about the event, please contact: Fauzah Mohamad: 083 162 7022
: Amelia Yasmin : 083 450 7388



MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

FEBRUARY 29TH - MARCH 4TH

COORDINATED BY **PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

BOOK WORKSHOPS
IN THE SOCS BOX

Good Morning
NUIG!
8.00-8.45pm
Tues & Thur
Áras na MacLéinn.
Dance your way into the day
Free!

MONDAY

Sober Soc
Monday Massage
The Wellness Centre
Reduced cost massage
by appointment.
Contact 0868378589.

Gig Soc
Breakfast Morning for Aids West
The View, 10am-12pm
Raise money for charity, get a
good breakfast and promote a
positive start to the day!

Lotus Soc
Mindful Yoga
The Space, AnML
1.00-2.30pm
A relaxing yoga
session with a
mindful focus
To give you a
boost of energy
at lunch. Free!

Psych Soc
**Staff vs. Students Soccer
Revenge Match**
Kingfisher, 1-3pm
Following the lecturers' loss
during our tournament last
semester, they are coming
back with a vengeance to
give one last shot at
winning the title!

Film Soc - Screening
**The Perks of Being a
Wallflower**
Darcy Thompson, 7pm
Coming of age story
that exploring themes
including mental
health, adolescence
loneliness and
introversion.

TUESDAY

**Psych Soc - Impact of
Domestic Violence &
Trauma**
AMB-G067
12.00pm and 2.30pm
Workshop on the
psychology of domestic
violence and the trauma
that victims experience.

Mindfulness workshop
The View, 1-2pm
This workshop with Martina
Coyne will introduce the
basic principles of
mindfulness and how you
might bring mindfulness into
your everyday life, with
sitting guided meditation.

**Psych Soc - Gender Based
Violence Discussion**
O'hEocha Theatre, 7pm
Guest speakers from
different areas of expertise
will speak on a panel
followed by a Q&A
and refreshments.



Book a
session in
the massage
chair *

* 30 minute slots, relaxation room, the Hub, www.roombooking.socs.nuigalway.ie

WEDNESDAY

Bake Sale Smokey's 11am-12pm
Wellness & Mental Health Fair
Áras na Mac Léinn, 12-3pm
Information Stands including
Console, Shine, Compass,
Proactive, PMHF, Helpink, Living
links, Samaritans, GDYS, Seas Suas
& ALIVE. Plus **Psych Soc Bake Sale**
and **Wolly Wards Petting Farm**
(outside 1-3pm).

Mentors & Mentees
Coffee morning
The Hub,
10am-12pm
Coping with Stress
The Space, 1-2pm
With Aisling
Battersby

Music Soc
Ambient Music Session
Small Acoustic Room, 5pm
Play some instruments and
listen to acoustic music.
**Positive Mental Health
Foundation & ALIVE - Film
screening "Role Models"**
The Hub, 6pm

**Psych Soc - Psychology
Career Talk**
O'hEocha Theatre, 7pm
Speakers from health,
clinical, cognitive,
developmental and
research psychology.

Gig Soc - Film
'A Single Man'
IT 202, 7-9pm
Story of a man who
struggles to cope with
life after his partner of
16 years passes away.

THURSDAY

Concourse Info stands
Seas Suas
11am-2pm
The Little Things
Campaign
Reachout Ireland
2.00-4.30pm
"Note to Self" initiative.

**Psych Soc - ASIAM Autistic
Spectral Disorders Talk**
O'hEocha Theatre AM Building
5.30pm
Creating an inclusive environment
that accommodates and supports
students with autism.
With Adam Harris (ASIAM).

Psych Soc - Towards a Mental Healthy Campus
O'hEocha Theatre AM Building- 7pm
Presentation from Treasa Hanniffy - National Please
Talk Officer followed by a panel discussion on mental
health and well-being on campus.
Panellists: Emer Connaughton Mental Health Ireland, Gillian Karwig,
Reach Out Ireland, John Hannon, Director of Student Services, James
McCormack, Student Counselling, Noirin Mannion, Mental Health
Support Worker, Agnes Tully, School of Nursing and Midwifery,
Natalie Halloran, Occupational Therapist, Riona Hughes Socs Officer



LOOK OUT
FOR THE
PET FARM
ON WEDNESDAY!

FRIDAY

Psych Soc: Tea and chats
Psych Foyer, 12-2pm
To close off our week

SUNDAY

**Talk on Positive
Mental Health**
College Chapel, 1pm & 9pm
Mass With Ciaran Lynch,
HSE.

Photo Soc
Mental Health
Photo Exhibition
All week
Áras na MacLéinn

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WWW.SOCS.NUIGALWAY.IE

WELLNESS WEEK

MARCH 7TH - 10TH 2016

EATING HEALTHY - GETTING ACTIVE - BEING CREATIVE - HAVING FUN



Monday, March 7th

Baking & CCAFS Socs

THE GREAT CHEF CHALLENGE

All Catering Outlets - All Week

Four campus chefs have been set the challenge to cook a weeks worth of dinners (5) for a shopping basket of €20. Taste their creations during the week in An Bialann, College Bar, Friars & Maffets and vote for your favourite. Everytime you vote you are in with a chance to win a prize.

Dansoc

GOOD MORNING NUIG

Áras na Mac Léinn

8.00-8.45am Strength & Conditioning (Silent Disco)

8.00-8.45am Mindfulness

Sober Soc

MONDAY MESSAGES

The Wellness Centre, 9am- 8pm

Mick Herron is available for €15 for students, €25 for staff, per half hour. He specialises in massages, Physical therapy, Acupuncture, Shiatsu, Chair massage, Indian Head massage and more. He is an athlete and has a deep understanding of fitness and health, how to improve your body and how to heal it. Text or Call him at 0868378589.

Music Soc

OPEN MIC

College Bar Back Room, 9pm

Open to all, come along, sing a song and be rewarded with a mysterious prize!!

Tuesday, March 8th

Botany Soc

WESTERN HERBAL MEDICINE

Mairin de Valera, top floor, Áras de Brun,

6.30pm

Sinead Keane will tell the history of herbal medicine, and the relationship between modern medicine and herbal medicine. She will also look at some common hedgerow plants and their medicinal uses.

Wednesday, March 9th

Positive Mental Health & ALIVE

MENTAL HEALTH EXHIBITION

Smokey's Café, Concourse Stand 10am-3.30pm

Interactive mental health exhibition supporting Positive Mental Health Foundation transition year early intervention programmes – all welcome to come along and engage!

POSTER SALE 50% off (Wed & Thurs) 10 - 6pm

COPE POP-UP SHOP 12-5pm

Áras na Mac Léinn Foyer

Pick up some bargains guaranteed to make you smile

Student Projects Fund

TRAIN THE TRAINERS HEALTH

REPOSITORY

AM207 12pm-2pm

All welcome to the one-stop shop resource repository funded by the Student Projects Fund. It is a store for worksheets, activities, resources, videos and models to disseminate health and wellness topics. Lunch provided.

Zen Society

ZAZEN (SITTING MEDITATION)

Large Acoustic room, Áras na Mac Léinn 1pm – 2pm

Free just come along for a relaxing lunch break.



Neuro Soc

GOOD MORNING NUIG

Lunchtime Special Salsa Fitness (Silent Disco)

ILAS Building Foyer 1.10pm – 1.50pm

Cancer Society

RELAY FOR LIFE

Sponsor: Bank of Ireland

kingfisher Gym 12 hours from 6pm

In aid of Irish Cancer Society teams of people take turns running/walking/crawling around the track for 12 hours.

Youth Work Ireland and ALIVE

ART WORKSHOP

The Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn 6pm

"Why volunteer? Building your Resilience Skills" with Dr Tereza Brumovská, Child and Family Research unit and Youth Work Ireland CAPE youth project, looking at the benefits of engaging as a volunteer for resilience skills, mental health and physical wellness. All welcome to create posters with youth from Youth Work Ireland who will be on campus creating mental health posters that will be displayed in the Cairnes Business School.

Dansoc

STRICTLY COME DANSOC

Bailey Allen Hall 7.30pm

They've have practiced, they are fabulous and now they will battle it out, be there for the glamour, the glory and the tears. All for charity, make your vote count.

Thursday, March 10th

Malaysian Society

THE CULTURE OF MALAYSIA THROUGH FOOD.

Smokies concourse 10am – 4pm

Savour the tastes of Malaysian and meet the society.

DIGITAL CHAMPIONS

Social Media, Online Identity and You

G066 Arts Millennium (Psychology), 12pm – 2pm

Online Identity, 12pm – 1pm Mapping our Online Presence.

1pm – 2pm Social Media & Online Identity – exploring our Online Identity and use of Social Media, discussing how we can manage, build & develop our Online Presence plus tools to help us build and boost our Online Presence. Explore Project funded.

Student Counselling Service

SLEEP HYGIENE TALK with Noirin Mannion

The View, Áras na Mac Léinn 3pm-4pm

Sleep can have a big impact on your life and mental health. Sleep hygiene is a variety of practices and habits that can help anyone maximise the hours they spend sleeping.

Baking Soc

BAKETASTIC BASH

Sponsor: Bank of Ireland

Bailey Allen Hall 11am – 6pm

Food Fair with healthy and delicious food ideas and a new cookbook plus tasting and learning new recipes.

Botany Society

GROW IT YOURSELF

Áras na Mac Léinn Foyer 1pm – 4pm

Find out about our project with GIY, sign up to access all the skills, info and materials you will need to produce your own organic vegetables. Students €10 Staff €15

Baking & CCAFS Socs

GREAT CHEF CHALLENGE FINAL

Áras na Mac Léinn Foyer 3pm-5pm

Come & Support your favourite chef be sure to vote and be in with a chance to win a prize and pick up a copy of the cookbook

Ongoing Events

Dansoc

10+WEEKLY DANCE CLASSES

Áras na Mac Leinn

Come join Dansoc and get moving and active with numerous classes and styles to choose from. With ballet, jazz, contemporary, hip hop, irish dancing and zumba there's something for everybody to get involved in. €2 per class from the SocsBox

Lotus Soc

10 WEEKLY YOGA CLASSES

Áras na Mac Leinn

Looking for Yoga classes then look no further because lotus soc have a wide range of classes for you from Classical Hatha to Vinyasa flow, from beginners to the experienced classes that suit everyone.

Juggling Soc

2 WEEKLY JUGGLING SESSIONS

Áras na Mac Leinn

Have fun and get juggling every Monday & Wednesday in Áras na Mac Léinn Foyer from 6pm with loads of different instruments to choose from learn the ins and outs of juggling.

Dramsoc

STAGED AND CONFUSED

Meeting Rooms, 7-9pm

On Wednesdays weekly Improvisation.

Cheer Soc

CHEERLEADING TRAINING

Cheerleading Gym, Doughiska, 7pm

Mondays Get the 409 bus from Eyre

Square at 6:30pm to join the Pandas!

Training for the upcoming stunt competition.

BE CREATIVE

Take photos with Photosoc, be artistic with Art Soc, Get on the radio with Radio Soc, Write with Writers and Journalism Socs. Make movies with Film Soc.

RELEASE YOUR INNER MUSICIAN

Sing with Choral Soc and Trad Soc. Play an instrument with Music Soc & Tradsoc. Play a classical instrument with Orchestra Soc. Play rock with Rocksoc and spin the decks with DJ soc. Perform with the GUMS Musical Society, Play the pianos in Áras na Mac Léinn.

SOCIETIES

Societies have something for everyone from playing games, pursuing interests, learning new skills, challenging yourself, making friends and finding your community check out society events and opportunities on the calendar on www.socs.nuigalway.ie or join the societies on www.yourspace.nuigalway.ie



PARTICIPATE AND VOLUNTEER WITH ALIVE
www.nuigalway.ie/alive

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WELLNESS WEEK



Monday March 7th – Thursday March 10th

THE GREAT CHEF CHALLENGE

Vote on: www.nuigstudents.ie

Four campus chefs from An Bialann, College Bar, Friars and Clinical Science Cafe will be battling it out in the Great Chef Challenge.

The Challenge - Each chef will

- Prepare 5 student friendly dishes with ingredients worth no more than €20 which will be included in a new healthy living cookbook.
- Feature one dish per day for €5 in their main outlet
- Host a stand in Áras na Mac Léinn Foyer on March 10th 3pm – 5pm providing tasters, tips and advice.

You Choose the Winner

- Voting will open on March 4th and close at 4.30pm on March 10th.
- Vote on line at www.nuigstudents.ie.
- Be in with a chance to win €100 cash or lunch vouchers.
- Winner will be announced at 5pm on March 10th in Áras na Mac Léinn.

To vote you can view the menus in the new cookbook or call to the outlet and try the food or come along to Áras na Mac Léinn and meet the chefs.

The Great Chef Challenge is an NUIG Societies initiative with CCAFS and Baking Societies to promote healthy eating and bring tasty healthy food ideas to the students.



Kieran Lyons

1. Oriental Veg Stir-Fry with noodles
2. Cajun Pork Chop with Creamy Colcannon and Buttered Carrots
3. Chicken Parmesan
4. Potato and chickpea curry with basmati rice
5. Traditional Lasagne



Ronan Boland

1. Cottage Pie topped with sweet potato puree served with peas
2. Sticky Hoi Sin Meatballs with Rice
3. Asian Stir Fry Chicken
4. Fish Cakes with spicy sweet potato wedges, salad & spicy mayo
5. Friday Frittata & Mixed Salad



Dan Webb

1. Chickpea Stew with rice
2. Creamy Chicken Tagliatelle with Spinach
3. Frittata with Sweet Potato Wedges
4. Pork Meatballs & Sweet potato Mash
5. Quick Cod Curry with Rice



Conor Rafferty

1. Spanish Tray baked Chicken
2. Chilli Mac and cheese
3. Oven baked cod
4. Baked Potato with Coconut, Spinach & Chickpeas
5. Get out of town, omelette





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GOOD MORNING NUIG

MARCH 1ST -
MARCH 15TH

*Energise your day - start it in a fun, active way
for 3 weeks and it's free!*

TUES, MARCH 1ST ÁRAS NA MACLÉINN

8.00-8.45am — Zumba - The Cube
8.00-8.45am - Mindful Movement
with Berni Divilly *hosted by Cheerleading Society*

THUR, MARCH 3RD ÁRAS NA MACLÉINN

8.00-8.45am – Silent Disco – Foyer
8.00-8.45am – Intro to Yoga, The Space
hosted by Lotus Soc

MON, MARCH 7TH ÁRAS NA MACLÉINN

8.00-8.45am Strength & Conditioning - Cube
8.00-8.45am Mindfulness
hosted by Dansoc

WED, MARCH 9TH ILAS BUILDING FOYER

Lunchtime Special
1pm – 2pm Salsa Fitness (Silent Disco)
hosted by Neuro Soc

MON, MARCH 14TH ÁRAS NA MACLÉINN

8.00-8.45am - Capoeira (silent disco)
8.00-8.45am - Zazen Meditation Large Acoustic
hosted by Zen Soc

TUE, MARCH 15TH ÁRAS NA MACLÉINN

8.00-8.45am - Salsa Fitness (silent disco)
8.00-8.45am – Intro to Hatha Flow Yoga - The View,
with Aisling Battersby *hosted by Sober Soc*

To guarantee a place book your free slot
on www.socsbox.nuigalway.ie
Or just turn up.

*If you would like to organise your own 'Good
Morning' event in your foyer contact the SocsBox
re borrowing the equipment at 091 492852
e-mail socsbox@socs.nuigalway.ie*



Gender Equality Awareness Week



7th-11th

March 2015



Tuesday March 8th

THE CENTRE FOR GLOBAL WOMEN'S STUDIES

Gender, Violence and
Conflict Seminar

4:30-6pm @ ILAS Centre, G008

Live-Stream from Dublin

In this seminar we bring together researchers working on issues of gender and conflict in varied development contexts, from Northern Ireland to Kenya to Mexico. The seminar will examine issues including, the impact of conflict on intimate partner violence and violence by non-combatants, the role of violent masculinities in shaping conflicts and instability, and gender identities and dynamics within peace-building and post-conflict development.

Guest Speakers Dr. Catherine O'Rourke, Transitional Justice Institute, University of Ulster; Dr. Caroline Murny, The Confederal School of Religions, Peace Studies and Theology, Trinity College Dublin; and Dr. Theresa O'Keefe, Equality Studies Centre, University College Dublin

Wednesday March 9th



TAKE THE BOAT

Film screening and discussion

7:30pm @ MY129 Aras Moyola

Q&A with directors Camille Hamet and
Serena Robin!

At a time of momentous change and debate in Ireland, with people taking to the streets to campaign for abortion rights this timely documentary looks at the stories of women and families who have been forced to leave Ireland for abortions. Take the Boat looks at the stigma and silence that surrounds the issue of abortion in Ireland.

Thursday March 10th



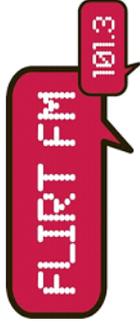
FEMSOC

Refugee & Gender
Awareness

12-1pm @ Bailey Allen Hall Foyer

The week is dedicated to community outreach, educating secondary students from the Galway community, and all of NUIG staff and students. Stop by the Bailey Allen and learn more about how Ireland and MSF are involved in the current refugee crisis.

Thursday March 10th



Feminism & Equality Show
w/ Rebecca Mann & Aine
Gallagher!

11am-12pm @ 101.3FM &
flirtfm.ie

draíocht FEMSOC

Charity Table Quiz for The
Olive Branch for Children
7pm-10pm @ The College Bar,
Back Room

€20 per table of 4. Finger foods,
prizes, raffles & passes to Electric
available! Prizes for best team
name!

Refugee Awareness Week



Interactive Panel Discussion

Wednesday March 9th

7pm-9pm

Arts Millennium AM250

Want to learn more about the refugee crisis?
Gain insight from our diverse group of panellists
(Ethics, Law, Medicine, Global Health + Irish Naval Forces)



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The background of the poster is a vibrant, abstract painting. It features a central figure, possibly a person's torso, adorned with a gold chain necklace that has a small rainbow flag pendant. The colors are a mix of blues, purples, pinks, and greens, with a textured, painterly style. The overall mood is celebratory and artistic.

GIGSOC PRESENTS RAINBOW WEEK 2016

MONDAY 14TH **Bring an Ally**

We encourage members to bring their allied friends to this event for a focus group on how we can enrich and solidify friendships and support networks within the LGBTQA* community. As always, treats and drinks provided.

Location: Meeting Rooms, Aras na MacLeinn / **Time:** 7:00PM

TUESDAY 15TH **Let's Have a Kiki!**

GiG Soc will be joined by DanSoc in preparation for this years Rainbow Ball , where we will be celebrating LGBTQA* pop culture and learn some fun and funky moves. Get your dancing shoes on!

Location: The Space, Aras na MacLeinn / **Time:** 7:00PM

WEDNESDAY 16TH **Mini Pink Training**

Join us for a night of workshops and some great discussion. We will be hosting a number of great workshops presented by committee members all encompassing LGBTQA* themes and issues.

Location: IT202, IT Building / **Time:** 7:00PM

GIGSOC
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NUI GALWAY LGBTQA

If you're considering attending any of our events but are a bit wary we can arrange an ice-breaker for you. Our New Members Liaison Officer can meet you before the meeting. Just contact us at gigsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie or send us a Facebook message with your request and we will arrange something for you

Irish Student Drama Association

The **ISDA**
Festival

Hosted by NUI Galway's Drama Society

14th - 23rd of March 2016

Tickets: €5 / €8

Festival info available at

www.theisdafestival.com



Fringe & Events



OÉ Gaillimh
NUI Galway

Bank of Ireland

Starkid Theatre Panel

Monday 14th, 6pm, BOI Theatre

A theatre panel with members of Starkid Brian Holden and Meredith Stepien. The creators of 'A Very Potter Musical'. Theatre students turned viral celebrities and theatre professionals! Not to be missed.

Volunteers' Social

Monday 14th, 7pm, BOI.

A small get together for our volunteers before the festival gets into full swing. Meeting asking questions and confirming schedules. Then the option of going to see 'Freak' in Nun's, and drinks after.

Tuesday 15th

Woman in History Panel Discussion

Tuesday 15th, 7.30pm, Aras Ui Chathail.

A panel discussion exploring the woman of the 1916 Rising, with playwright Gerry Conneely, who's production 'The Gifford Girls' will be aired on Galway Bay FM, funded by the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland. Plus members of the cast from Iano productions.

Wednesday 16th

ISDA Movie Events in The Space

Wednesday 16th: Troll 2 9.30pm The Space, Aras na Mac Leinn

24 Hour Theatre.

Wednesday/Thursday 16th/17th 12pm-12.30pm

Bailey Allen HQ performance in The Cube Meeting in HQ at noon on Wednesday, they will be given props, photos and costume and will devise their own theatre piece to be performed on the 17th at 12.30pm The Cube. Rehearsal space will be provided and we will all go out and celebrate St.Patrick's Day in style after.

Friday 18th

ISDA Movie Events in The Space

Friday 18th: Army of Darkness 6pm The Space, Aras na Mac Leinn

Festival info available at
www.theisdafestival.com

Afro Fest with African Caribbean Society

Bailey Allen 6.30pm

African Caribbean culture, food, music, fashion & art. Tickets €10 from the SocsBox.

Murder Mystery Interactive Show

Friday, 18th, 8pm, BOI

Become Sherlock for a night. Investigate a murder mystery with ISDA. An interactive mystery solving night with performances from Dramsoc members.

Saturday 19th

Pop Up Theatre: NUIG Freshers Play

Saturday 19th, 6pm, Bailey Allen HQ

A pop up theatre event with our NUIG Freshers.

Staged and Confused Improv Night

Saturday 19th, 9pm, Bailey Allen HQ

A fun interactive workshop with NUIG's Staged and Confused improv group. Play improv games and get to know one another.

Sunday 20th

ISDA Movie Events in The Space

Sunday 20th: Aladdin Sing-a-long 6pm The Space, Aras na Mac Leinn

ISDA Drag Night

Sunday 20th, 9pm, Bailey Allen HQ

A night of Drag makeup, hair, costume and lip-sync battles. Even if you don't dress up come for pizza and music.

Monday 21st

ISDA Silent Disco

Monday 21st, 9pm, NUIG College Bar.

You can't get more Galway than this event. A good old silent disco. Headphones and Tunes provided.

Tuesday 22nd

Odds and Ends, open mic night

Tuesday 22nd, 9pm NUIG College Bar

A fun open mic night, it's open to any sort of performance, whatever your party trick may be do come along.

ISDA Selfie Hunt

Running throughout the festival.

Get a selfie with everything on the list, tag #ISDA2016. The best selfies win prizes!



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<p>MON/14TH 8:30PM</p> <p><i>FREAK</i></p> <p>TCD</p> <p>NUN'S ISLAND THEATRE</p>	<p>WED/16TH 4:00PM</p> <p><i>MERCURY FUR</i></p> <p>TCD</p> <p>BOI Theatre</p>	<p>SAT/19TH 8:30PM</p> <p><i>SOMEONE WHO'LL WATCH OVER ME</i></p> <p>NUIG</p> <p>Mick Lally Theatre</p>	<p>SUN/20TH 12.30PM</p> <p><i>PUNK ROCK</i></p> <p>UCD</p> <p>BOI Theatre</p>
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<p>SAT/19TH 12:30PM</p> <p><i>DELKANY PLOY</i></p> <p>QUB</p> <p>The Cube Theatre</p>	<p>SAT/19TH 4:00PM</p> <p><i>DUCK</i></p> <p>UCD</p> <p>Nun's Island Theatre</p>	<p>MON/21ST 8:30PM</p> <p><i>LITTLE GEM</i></p> <p>UCC</p> <p>The Cube Theatre</p>	<p>TUES/22ND 12:30PM</p> <p><i>NOTHING TO DECLARE</i></p> <p>UCD</p> <p>Nun's Island Theatre</p>
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MIJ Galway

16th/March

RAG by Kevin Murphy

An Taibhdhearc, 8:30PM

RAG is an original play written and directed by Kevin Murphy. RAG tells a tale full of drunken debauchery about 5 students over 5 days of Rag week in Galway. Brian is planning on making this the most exciting week ever for his merry band. Tensions arise as the week progresses and the perfect night becomes nothing more than a fantasy for the group. It tackles such issues as: academic life, social status and the affects of alcohol abuse. The play is relatable to all types of students. RAG is written by a student, for students. "This city of culture, of art and of music is laying down and begging us to go rampant over the week. A week where college empties and night clubs burst. We are going to conquer Galway city! CHEERS!"

19th/March

SOMEONE WHO'LL WATCH OVER ME by Conor McPherson

The Mick Lally Theatre, Druid Land, 8:30PM

An Irishman, an Englishman and an American are being held hostage by terrorists in a Lebanese cell. However, while the ever-present possibility of death looms over them, it becomes clear that the men's true trial is to support and endure one another, through whatever reality presents itself. Featuring last year's ISDA Best Actor award winner Dylan McCormack, *Someone Who'll Watch Over Me* challenges our idea of coping with trauma and the ethics of how we do so with joy, despair and black humour.

21st/March

THE BEAUTY QUEEN OF LEENANE by Martin McDonagh

Bank of Ireland Theatre, 4:00PM

The Beauty Queen of Leenane, written by Martin McDonagh, tells the story of Maureen, a plain, lonely, middle-aged woman, who lives with her elderly mother, Mag. Maureen's sisters have flown the nest, escaping the drab family home, leaving Maureen trapped in a dysfunctional relationship with her mother. Maureen wishes to escape to a new life. So, when Ray brings news that his brother Pato is home from England, Maureen realises she may have found her escape route but, with her mother Mag adamant on her remaining in Leenane, can Maureen really find a way to leave?

Appendix 6: Spring Programme Launch





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NUI Galway Societies 2016 Spring Programme and 2015 Yearbook Launch

WELCOME TO THE LAUNCH of the NUI Galway Societies Spring Programme and Year Book launch. With 115 societies there is always something to do, membership of societies is open to students and staff of the college but a large number of their events are open to the public. This Spring we are throwing open the doors of the campus and inviting Galway and beyond to join us. Last year Societies organised 4133 events.

As part of the Spring Programme The Societies are presenting the Midterm Festival an event filled week to promote involvement in the social and cultural life of the campus. In its first year the Festival will celebrate the arrival of Spring and the glorious array of activities the societies provide to bring colour and joy to university life, the perfect lead up to Valentine's Day. The Highlight of the week include the much anticipated production of the "Addams Family", the Musical Society (GUMS) annual musical in the Black Box from February 9th – 13th at 8pm.

Spring Programme

Other major upcoming events this Semester include a list of conventions, conferences: Writer's Soc, Writers Convention 30th of January, Fansci 'Itzacon XII' a Fantasy and Science Fiction Convention 2016 Convention 19th-21st February, Cumann Staire Irish History Students Association, 66th Conference, 19th – 21st February, Dramsoc host the National Student Awards (ISDA) with 25 productions in 5 theatres. 14th-23rd March. Pottersoc present PotterFest Galway the family friendly weekend for lovers of Harry Potter March 12th-13th The Choral Soc host the National Choral Intervarsity 2nd April, An Cumann Gaelach host the Association of Celtic Students of Ireland and Britain Conference on April 8th – 9th and the Juggling Society present JugglingCon Galway 2016 27th-29th of June. Other events to watch out for include, GigSoc (LGBT) Rainbow Week 15th-19th of February. Mental Health Week Feb 29th – March 4th. Dansoc 'Strictly Come Dancing' 9th of March, African Caribbean Society Afrofest 10th March, The societies will also feature in Muscailt, The University Arts Festival, March 6th – 9th. Major charity events include The Malaysian Soc Futsal For Charity, 6th of February, Cancer Soc Relay for Life 9th -10th of March, 6pm-6am and Friends of MSF Refugee Awareness Event 10th March,

Community Outreach

Most people are familiar with the very popular Teddy Bear Hospital organised by the Slainte Society but through the year the societies engage in numerous outreach and schools programmes, for example the Literary and Debating Society organise a school debating competition, the Musical Society organise the Schools Musical Awards. Suas Society facilitate homework clubs in local schools and the Bike Gang Society promote cycling and sustainable transport with schools and youth groups. Societies work with community groups throughout the world and fundraise extensively for charity. For example VSA send 5th year medical students throughout the world and Draiocht work in Nepal and Tanzania. Last year Societies they raised a staggering €224,381 for charity.

Leadership & Learning through Societies

In addition to significantly contributing to the social, cultural and community life of the campus and the wider community the societies also play a vital role in educating and preparing their members, and in particular their committee members, to fully realise their potential as engaged contributing members of society, ensuring the receive an holistic education and graduate as skilled leaders with integrity, creativity, vision and passion for life.

Last year the Societies launched the new leadership programme which aims to instil positive leadership qualities and train the society committee members in the necessary skills to run successful societies which deliver a quality experience for their members and target communities. The programme also aims to explore how people learn and the role of experimental learning through student led extra-curricular activities. The outcomes of the initial pilot programme have been very positive showing a clear correlation between skill 'shortfalls' as identified by employers and the skills the committee members identified they had learnt such as communication, problem solving, confidence and team work. Of the 935 students on committees 670 completed the leadership survey at the end of the year. 57% of these felt societies would help them find a job and 11% even changed their career path due to involvement in societies. The participants also identified learning other important skills such as empathy, an awareness of global issues, conflict resolution and setting and achieving goals. 74% said they had learnt a new skill. Over 85% of the committee members surveyed said that both they and their society had either fully or to a significant degree achieved the goals they set at the start of the year.

Societies it emerged also play a major role in students completing their education 58% cited that they had at some stage contemplated leaving college due to personal and academic pressures but found the necessary support through societies to remain and complete their year. Societies also help create a more inclusive campus by promoting the establishment small of supportive communities based on shared interest. In the survey 16% of the students surveyed identified themselves as members of a minority group who found a sense of belonging through societies, 44% surveyed made their best friends through societies and 36% found that their involvement in societies kept them focused and helped in all aspects of their life. The other interesting outcome was the contribution societies make to campus loyalty and a sense of belonging 57% agreed that as a graduate they will have great memories of their time in college and 56% stated they felt a strong sense of belonging to the university thanks to their society experiences and 32% even cited their knowledge of societies prior to enrolling had some influence on their choice of university.

With an annual turnover in excess of one million euro, over 4000 events, almost 9,000 student members with over 900 on committees and 80,854 man hours volunteered, as identified by participants of the ALIVE Certificate, it is small wonder that Societies not only play a major role in campus life but in the wider community.

*Ríona Hughes,
Societies officer, Student Services*

societies spring programme highlights

just a taster of what's to come

Societies Midterm Festival
February 8th – 13th

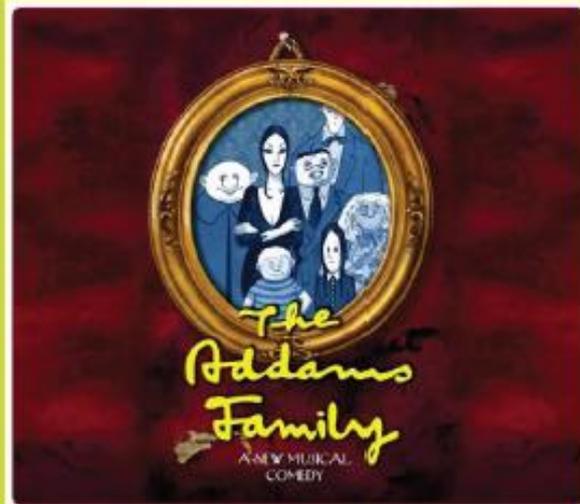


Rainbow Week
GigSoc
February 8th – 13th



Mental Health Week
Psychological Society
February 29th –
March 4th

Witless Battle of the Bands
Music Soc & Roc Soc
Jan 25th – March 3rd



Galway University Musical Society presents
The Addams Family
Black Box Theatre, Galway
Tues 9 - Sat 13 February 8pm
Matinee Sat 13 February, 2pm
Tickets €15*/€12* (€10* in groups of 4 or more)
Matinee €10*/€5*
(Tickets at the Socs Box and the Town Hall Theatre)



Brain Awareness Week
Neuro Soc
March 15th – 16th

Theatre Week
Dramsoc.
Featuring
ISDA Festival 2016
(Irish Student Drama Awards)
25 productions in 5 venues
March 14th – 23rd



Society Awards
March 31st



plus

Upcoming Conventions, Conferences & Intervarsities:

Writer's Soc: Writers Convention
January 30th, Arts Millennium Building, 11am-5pm

Fansci: Itzacon XII 2016
February 19th-21st, Áras na MacLéinn

Cumann Staire: Irish History Students Association, 66th Conference
February 20th, 8.30am-6pm, Arts Millennium Building

Pottersoc: PotterFest Galway and Triwizard Tournament
March 11th-13th, Áras na MacLéinn

Choral soc: Choral Intervarsity
April 2nd, Aula Maxima

An Cumann Gaelach: The Association of Celtic Students of Ireland Britain Conference
April 8th – 9th

Juggling Society: JugglingCon Galway 2016
June 27th-29th, Áras na MacLéinn

Cultural & Social Events

Business Society: Commerce Ball
January 27th, Radisson Blu Hotel

RockSoc: "Starboy the Musical"
February 1st-2nd, Bank of Ireland Theatre, 8pm

Law Soc: Law Ball
February 9th, Galway Bay Hotel

African Caribbean Society: "Take me Out"
February 10th, Bailey Allen Hall

Cumann Staire: Arts Ball
February 10th, Salthill Hotel

Literary & Debating Society: Irish National Law Debates
February 12th

Dramsoc: "Vincent"
February 15th-18th, Bank of Ireland Theatre, 8pm

Choral Soc: Spring Showcase

February 17th, The View, 10am-2pm

EngSoc: Engineering & Nursing Ball
February 23rd, Radisson Blu Hotel

Dramsoc: "The New Electric Ballroom"
March 1st-4th, Bank of Ireland Theatre.

Micro Soc: Postgrad Ball
March 3rd

Dansoc: Strictly Come Dancing
March 9th, Áras na Mac Léinn

FrenchSoc: "Voila Olivia"
March 10th-11th, Bank of Ireland Theatre, 8pm

African Caribbean Society: Afrofest
March 10th, Bailey Allen Hall

NeuroSoc: Seeing The Light
March 15th, Aula Maxima

Charity Events

Malaysian Soc: Futsal For Charity
February 6th, Kingfisher Gym, 9am-4pm

Cancer Soc: Relay for Life
March 9th -10th, Kingfisher Gym, 6pm-6am

Friends of MSF: Refugee Awareness Day
March 10th, Bailey Allen Hall, 10am-5pm

See the societies calendar regularly for details of the over 2000 events which take place each semester

Societies in Numbers

4133 events

16% are members of a minority group who found a sense of belonging*

85% significantly achieve their personal goals*

11% changed their career path*

112 societies

44% made their best friends through societies*

57% agreed 'societies will help me get a job'*

57% will have their best memories as graduates because of societies*

524 ALIVE Participants

4133 events posted to the calendar

€1,111,627 Turnover

77% of annual income raised by societies

175,108 hours volunteered by committee members

Societies influenced 32% in their choice of university*

939 committee members

74% learnt a new skill*

8,104 individual student members

*Society leadership survey results 670 participants.

52,069 total membership

58% remained in college because of societies*

€224,381 given to charity

year in Review



Photo of Dramsoc win at ISDA
Dramsoc won 3 awards at ISDA: Best Actor: Dylan McCormack (photo), Best Ensemble 'Ghost', and Best new Writing for Oisín Robbins for 'Cry of the Curlew'



Slainte Society "Teddy Bear Hospital"



India Society: Holi Festival



Film Soc win at Offline Festival



GUMS Musical Society: Cabaret



Winners of the Jerome Hynes One Act play Series Theatre Week



Anime & Manga Society: Akumakon 2015



African Caribbean Society at the Societies Global Fair



Societies Training, Auditors Away Day



NUI Galway at the BICS Awards

116 societies to choose from

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| African Caribbean Society | Energy Society | Neuro Society |
| Airsoft Soc | Eng Soc | Occupational Therapy |
| American Football | Entrepreneurship Society | Orchestra Soc |
| Amnesty Society | ESN NUI Galway | Organic Gardening Society |
| An Cumann Gaelach | FanSci | Palestine Solidarity Soc |
| Anime and Manga Society | Feminist Society | Photography Soc |
| Arch Soc | FIFA Soc | Physics Soc |
| Art Soc | FilmSoc | Poker Soc |
| Astronomy Society | Finance Soc | Potter Soc |
| Baking Soc | FLAC Society | Presidents Award (Gaisce) Soc |
| Best Buddies | Foosball Society | Psychiatry Society |
| Bike Gang Society | French Soc | Psychological Society |
| Biomedical Science | Friends of MSF | Radio Control Soc |
| Botany Soc | G-eos | RadioSoc |
| Business Society | Geography Soc | Rock Soc |
| Cancer Society | German Soc | Rover Soc |
| CCAFS | GiGSoc (Gay In Galway) | Sober Soc |
| Cheerleading Society | Goal Soc | Shoutout |
| Chemistry Soc | Hispano Soc | Sinn Fein Soc |
| Chess Soc | India Soc | Skate Soc |
| Chinese Society | International Students Society | Slainte Soc |
| Choice Society | Islamic Society | Social Democrats |
| Choral Soc | Italian Soc | Speech and Language |
| Classics Soc | Journalism Society | St. Vincent de Paul |
| Comedy Soc | Juggling Soc | Students for Health Equality |
| Comic Book Soc | Law Soc | Students for Sensible Drug Policy |
| Compsoc | Life Society | Style Society |
| Cumann de Barra | Lit & Deb | Suas Society |
| Cumann Staire (History) | Lotus Society | Surgical Soc |
| Dansoc | Malaysian Society | Taize Society |
| Dauntless Soc | Marine Soc | Time Lord Society |
| Disney Society | Maths Soc | Trad Soc |
| DJ Soc | Mature Students | Victorian Society |
| Dochas Society | Medicine Soc | Video Game Society |
| Dogsoc | Microsoc | Voluntary Services Abroad |
| Draiocht | Misneach | Writers Group Soc |
| Dramsoc | Musical Society (GUMS) | Young Fine Gael Soc |
| EcoSoc | MusicSoc | Zen Society |
| Enactus | | ZooSoc |

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Galway marks Festival of Lights

MORE than 350 people - members of the Indian ex-pat community and friends - will come together to celebrate Diwali - the traditional festival of lights - in Bailey Allen Hall, NUI Galway this Saturday from 4pm.

Organised by the Indian Cultural and Sports Community in Galway in conjunction with IndiasOC NUI Galway, this is first event of its kind in the city and there are also contributions from Indian communities in Loughrea, Ennis and Tuam expecting more than 350 people to take part.

Special guests include the Minister of State for Equality Aodhán O'Riordan; Galway City's Deputy Mayor Cllr Niall McNeillis and Galway West Deputy Derek Nolan for the official unveiling at 5pm.

The festival coincides with the Hindu New Year and normally occurs sometime in late October through mid-November.

For most participants, Diwali is celebrated on Day 3 of the five-day event - hence this year's festival will take place on Saturday and Irish of Indian descent celebrates across the country.

"It's one of the most colourful and significant festivals in Indian culture taking place in family homes and temples of worship," said Praveen Thyarala, one of the event organisers.

Diwali is a time where traditional foods and sweets are shared among family and friends. Homes are often decorated in colourful lights and candles, followed by an evening display of fireworks.

"The name Diwali is itself a contraction of the Sanskrit word Deepavali, which translates as 'row of lamps'. Diwali involves the lighting of small clay lamps filled with oil to signify the triumph of good over evil," added Praveen.

The event includes full Indian vegetarian meal along with plenty of Indian Bollywood music, dance and children/adult/student perform-

ances.

Tickets for Diwali are now on sale from Praveen Thyarala on (086) 335 3111 or email icscgalway@gmail.com

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All smiles



Children look on during the dance performances at the Diwali Festival of Lights organised by the Indian Cultural and Sports Community Galway (ICSC) and the Indian Society (Indiasoc) at NUI Galway, in the Bailey Allen Hall. PHOTO: JAC O'SHEA/NEWS



Students helping the homeless

Rebecca Maher

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As thousands of students leave **NUI Galway** for the summer months, a university society is collecting their unwanted items and distributing them to homeless charity **COPE Galway**.

Project manager Fionn Delahunty, a final year psychology student at **NUI Galway**, explains that "charitable work and giving back to society is a core feature of the Rover Society".

At the end of term around 18,000 students will leave **Galway**, potentially leaving behind a "phenomenal amount of waste", according to Mr Delahunty.

A number of American universities invite departing students to donate unwanted items, which is then distributed to the homeless. After running a small pilot scheme last semester the **NUI Galway** Rover Society decided to go "all out" this semester, according to Mr Delahunty.

The society have allocated various collection points around the college campus as well as teaming up with student residences.

"We have collection points on campus, drop off locations. We also have collection points in some of the larger residences and then we're doing drive-arounds once a week too for those smaller residences that it's not viable to have a collection point there 24/7."

The group are collecting old linen, duvets, blankets, clothes, coats and non-perishable foods.

To date the society have

Mr Delahunty said they are "absolutely flat out".

"We spent about four hours this morning going around and we had done a collection yesterday and people are just donating so much that we're completely flat out trying to get around and collect it all."

According to Mr Delahunty they are the first society in a university to roll out such a scheme and he said it is "completely unprecedented". He is hopeful of expanding it across the country in the future.

He praised the students and staff at **NUI Galway** who have supported the initiative.

"Students are really promoting it themselves and they're delighted to see this too. They don't like to dump these things either, especially the international students who have come over and bought so much for our weather to survive in our climate, and they can't take anything home so they're dumping all these things so students are really delighted that they're benefiting the community in a very tangible and feasible way."

This is not the first time the society have done their bit to help the homeless.

Last September they teamed up with a glamping company and collected 1,300 sleeping bags festival goers had left behind at Electric Picnic and donated them to COPE.

The Rover Society will continue to collect unwanted items until 27 May. For more information or to check out their collection and drop off points visit their Facebook page - www.facebook.com/NUIGRoverSoc



Students in **NUI Galway** have rolled out a new scheme in a bid to help the homeless community in the city.



Harry Potter Festival returns

NUI Galway's Harry Potter Society will hold their annual convention, PotterFest Galway, on 12-13 March 2016. Two special guests have already been announced, members of TeamStarkid, Brian Holden and Meredith Stepien, who will be travelling from Los Angeles to visit Galway for the weekend.

TeamStarkid is a Chicago-based musical theatre company best known for A Very Potter Musical, a parody of the Harry Potter series. The musical was a viral hit, inspiring two sequels and clocking up 12 million views on YouTube. The troupe produces musical-comedies inspired by pop culture, with original scripts, songs, and music. Darren Criss, who is now widely known for his role as Blaine in Glee, co-founded the company and started his career playing Harry Potter in the musicals.

Brian Holden (Starkid co-founder, who plays Remus Lupin, Hagrid and the Basilisk) and Meredith Stepien (Hermione Granger) will be taking part in an exclusive panel, and will be available for autographs and photographs with visitors. There will also be sing-a-long over the course of the weekend, featuring Harry Potter-inspired hits including "Goin' Back to Hogwarts", "Granger Danger" and "Harry Freakin' Potter".

Tickets for Potterfest are on sale online at www.socsbox.nuigalway.ie and at the Socs Box in Áras na MacLéim. Tickets will also be available at the door during the weekend of the convention. Weekend tickets cost 30 euro for adults and 20 euro for children.

PotterFest Galway is Ireland's only Harry Potter convention. Visitors of all ages will have the chance to experience the magic of the Wizarding World when NUI Galway is transformed into Hogwarts for a weekend of magical fun, with a huge variety of events such as Potter-themed games, cosplay competitions, panels, classes, role-playing workshops and guest speakers on everything Potter.

Visitors will be sorted into their perfect Hogwarts House and attend classes in all of Harry's favourite subjects, from Potions, Transfiguration and Herbology to Defence Against the Dark Arts. There will also be a chance to learn how to play Quidditch with the Galway Grindylows, Ireland's first Muggle University team.

This year the event is being held in aid of Jigsaw Galway, a free, non-judgmental and confidential support service for young people (15-25) living in Galway city and county. The drop-in centre in Galway City provides guidance and support for young people who are going through a difficult or distressing time. They also provide advice and guidance for anyone is con-

cerned about a young person in their life or work.

For more information visit www.potterfestgalway.org, or email potterfestgalway@gmail.com.



PotterSoc Galway will hold their annual convention on 12-13 March 2016.



Club together



Students Folashade Mawoyeka, Cathal Tuohy, Isabella Deluca, and Lauren Murray at the announcement that Bank of Ireland has set up a programme of support for the development of sports clubs and societies at **NUI Galway**.
Picture: Aengus McMahon



A feast of student drama

The Irish Student Drama Association Festival, hosted by **NUI Galway's** Drama Society, will run in **Galway** from March 14 - 23. The 10-day festival will hold 18 productions in five venues throughout the city including The Mick Lally Theatre, An Taibhdhearc, and The Bank of Ireland Theatre **NUI Galway**.

The programme features a variety of productions, including such classics as *Someone Who'll Watch Over Me* and *The Beauty Queen of Leenane* from the **NUI Galway** Drama Society and *Misterman* from Queens University's QU Players.

Over the years, the ISDA has acted as the starting point in the careers of such theatre heavyweights as Michael Colgan, Conor McPherson, Fiona Shaw, Cian O'Brien and Druid director Garry Hynes, as well as other well-known names like actress Pauline McLynn and comedian Chris O'Dowd.

The week will also include panel discussions, movie screenings workshops, murder mystery, and a host of drama related entertainment all wrapping up with the gala awards ceremony on Wednesday, March 23, where the much coveted awards will be announced.

Festival director Oryana Farrell Hickey said that **NUI Galway** Dramsoc was delighted to host the national awards. "We hope that **Galway**, with its international reputation for excellent theatre, will join in a feast of drama over the duration of the festival where enthusiasts will get the opportunity to see future dramatists in the making. **NUI Galway's** Centre for Drama, Theatre and Performance is one of the leading international centres for the study of Irish theatre and offers students and researchers a range of courses in the area of drama and theatre, at undergraduate and postgraduate levels."

For full details and the timetable of events visit www.theisdafestival.com.



Mental Health Week at NUI Galway to challenge stigma

By Jacqueline Hogge

OPENING up the conversation about mental health is the focus of a week-long event taking place in NUI Galway this week.

Mental Health Week kicked off on Monday and runs until Sunday where the university's Psychological Society is leading an extensive programme of events to promote wellness on campus.

Guest speakers, workshops, activities and an information fair are among the highlights of the programme organised by NUI Galway's Societies Office.

Those behind the event are hoping to challenge the stigma associated with mental health and to inspire a student-led shift in campus ethos.

"We hope that the Galway community will come on to campus and join us to help bring about positive change and support our groundswell movement," said Soraya Matthews, NUI Galway student and member of the Psychological Society.

Among the workshops scheduled are mindfulness, coping with stress, and domestic violence while the Film Society have organised a number of screenings on the themes of adolescent loneliness and introversion.

A wellness and mental health fair will also be held, featuring stands from various support and counselling services with a Towards a Men-

tally Healthy Campus panel discussion which features a presentation from Teresa Hannify from Please Talk and a panel of experts including Emer Connaughton of Mental Health Ireland, Gillian Karwig of Reach Out Ireland and NUI Galway professionals working in the field.

For further details on NUI Galway's Mental Health Week log on to www.nuigstudents.ie or call the SocsBox on 091 492852.



LAUNCHING Mental Health Week at NUI Galway, member of the Psychological Society, Soraya Matthews, Aaron McGrath and Meagan Lynch.



'Funky Seomra's' sober socialising attracted up to 100 students to debut Galway event.

THIRST FOR SOBER FUN

■ 'Funky Seomra' brings sober socialising to Galway students

BY STEPHEN CORRIGAN

SOBER socialising arrived in Galway last Saturday night with David Mooney, creator of Dublin's well-known 'Funky Seomra' dancing event, performing at NUI Galway's Bank of Ireland Theatre - in conjunction with the college's Sober Society.

According to David, the idea for this came about when he lost interest in drinking but still wanted to 'go out' at the weekends, only to find there was nowhere for him to go.

"We started seven years ago in Dublin when there was virtually nowhere in the city centre to go socialising outside clubbing; I love going out to clubs but I found the less I drank, the less fun I had - then I had this idea to set up a nightclub where there was no alcohol," he explained.

'Funky Seomra' - described as a mini festival by those involved with the event - brings together the music and dancing of standard clubs with an organic café with food provided by the famed Wicklow brothers at the 'Happy Pear', a coffee and juice bar, and a combination of live

music and multiple DJs.

"We didn't want to lose that sense of going out on a Saturday night," said David.

In an attempt to get more young people experiencing sober socialising, contact was made with NUI Galway and together with the Sober Society, the event was organised for students and anybody else who may be intrigued by the idea of partying without alcohol.

According to Aisling Reidy, Secretary of Sober Soc, the night was a huge success with at least 80-100 students and Galway people in attendance.

Sober Society was set up in the last year as a response to a large number of students looking for other means of socialising, without feeling the pressure to drink.

Aisling believed the idea that drink must be consumed to have fun is slowly fading, with events like this becoming hugely popular in cities like Dublin and London.

She pointed out that these events are not just for people who don't drink but also for those who want a good night out without consuming alcohol.

"It's a lot of fun, it's playful,

it's not as loud as a normal nightclub and there's a lot of dancing - and there are some great dancers in Galway," she exclaimed.

Aisling admitted that people who associate drinking as a key factor to a night out may be nervous at first, but she claimed that those nerves go and everyone enjoys the night, and more importantly, suffers less the morning after.

"You wake up the next day with no hangover, you remember what you said and you remember who you were talking to, and they remember you too," said Alice.

Funky Seomra will be back in Galway in April or May for those who missed it this time around. More details can be found on the website dancefree.ie



Dancing to start the day

BY KERNAN ANDREWS

HECTOR Ó hEOCHAGÁIN will MC Morning **Galwayville** - a new, dance based, initiative to help people to stay in good mental and physical health - which takes place in the Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn, **NUI Galway**.

The first Morning **Galwayville** is on Wednesday January 27, from 6.30am to 10am, with music from world music DJ Will Softly. Dance is a way to exercise, feel free, let go of pent up energy, and a fun way to start the day. There will also be yoga (with Paul Hardiman from 7am to 8.30am), massage, healthy snacks and drinks.

Admission is €3 for students and €10 for others.



Holding tight



Abbie Connell, Niamh Heskin, and Niamh Kenney from Scoil Scoil Bhríde in Menlo, Co Galway, awaiting treatment for their teddies at the **NUI Galway** Teddy Bear Hospital. Picture: Jim Coughlan



BY JESSICA THOMPSON

THERE'S something for everyone in NUI Galway's Dance Society, according to the society's auditor, Ryan McCarthy, who has extended an invitation to students and graduates of the university to join one of its fastest-growing societies.

Run in accordance with NUI Galway's Society Office, DanSoc aims to provide a safe and creative space for students and graduates to learn how to dance, exercise or just meet new people while taking part in various dance classes, including Hip Hop, Irish Dancing, Contemporary Dance, Ballet and Jazz.

"As a student society, DanSoc thrives on an influx of fresh, new faces and new talent. If you have a good ear for music, a good eye for design or you pride yourself on your moves, then we have a place for you," said Ryan, who has been part of the society for four years now.

Ryan himself never envisioned himself joining DanSoc when he started college. But when he went to the Societies Day, the friendliness of the society members and the great music coming from their stand was too much to resist.

He went to one of the classes "as a joke" and "never looked back". They were so welcoming, he said, and it didn't matter that he wasn't a dancer. Four years later, he's the audi-

tor of the society.

"We have dancers that have been dancing ballet and contemporary since they were four and people who have never danced before. It's one of those societies that's just very open to all standards and all walks of life," he said.

"No matter who you are, you're going to be welcomed with open arms. And that's something that we've held near and dear for the last few years, and this year, we want to expand it a little bit more.

"We're thinking of holding workshops for kids and bringing them in and just teaching them a couple of eight-counts and getting them active - getting the brains working a little bit and get that creative side flowing."

DanSoc has a core group of 40 or 50 dancers who get on really well. But there are several other society members who come to the showcases and events, and show their support at the national competitions.

"It's a community and that's what I loved about the society when I first came into it. It was that immediate sense of community.

"It changed my whole perspective on college and the college experience. And it changed my whole attitude towards fitness as well. Fitness does not at all have to be going to the gym and lifting weights and going for a half an hour run and trying to beat 5k or your personal best. It's fun and you meet some great people."

Because the society has such a variety of classes - from ballet

to jazz, hip hop to Zumba - the society meets seven or eight times a week, with many of its members enjoying the society so much that they go to every class.

And then there are those who don't dance at all. Surprisingly, you don't have to dance to be a member of DanSoc. While there are many dancers in the society, who love to perform on stage and compete in the intervarsities, there are many who bring other skills to the table.

"People have this misconception that you have to be a dancer to join the Dance Society. Whereas last year we had people who were DJs, people who were interested in making costumes, people who were interested in doing makeup or hair," said Mr McCarthy.

"So, this year we're trying to take advantage of the few people we have at the moment and have them hold workshops, so if you're not interested in dancing or you don't want to perform, you can end up doing our DJ workshop, which will probably end up being in collaboration with the DJ Society.

"We're going to try and get Style Soc in and we hope to do a fashion show that will get them involved. So, we have big plans for getting people involved who aren't dancers. Because I didn't think I was a dancer. I ended up fitting into the dance side of things, but I'm very interested in music production, so that's a route that I'm hoping to go down this year."

The society has been growing from strength to strength

over the last number of years. Two years ago DanSoc had around 700 members. Last year that number was upward of 1,000 members. This year, the DanSoc committee are hoping to increase that number again.

Those interested in dancing, mixing music, having fun or even competing at a national level in one of the six styles of dance can get more information on the DanSoc Facebook page or by emailing dansoc@gmail.com.

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Appendix 7: Society Training



Society Training Sept 25th – 27th 2015

Friday 25th	Training Sessions (attendees in brackets)		Society Info Clinic
2pm - 3pm	<p>A. Societies Explained (106) Your Society as part of the Big Picture, Society leadership programme, statistics from last year on the value of societies and the Bank of Ireland Awards. Facilitator: Riona Hughes (repeated on Saturday 10am – 11am session) Facilitator: Riona Hughes, Societies Officer, Aras ui Cathail</p> <p>B PR and Social Media (87) Aras ui cathail lecture hall Maximising your on line presence, how the marketing office can help you, internal communication and creating an effective press release. Facilitators: Zara Sheerin and John Caulfield, Marketing & Communication Office (David and Isabella)</p> <p>E Societies and Your CV (100) Aras ui Cathail How to Maximise your transferrable skills and get a kick ass CV. Facilitator: Josephine Walsh, Career Development Centre (David)</p>	<p>C Societies Working with Children (10) Meeting room Everything you need to know about working with children and the University Child Protection Policy, a must for any society working with under 18 year olds. How to get Garda Clearance. Facilitator: Lorraine Tansley, ALIVE CKI</p> <p>F Sending Volunteers Abroad (12) Aras ui Cathail computer suite How to get your Comblamh certification which is compulsory for any society sending members abroad volunteering. Facilitator Lorraine Tansley, ALIVE CKI</p> <p>I Money what everyone needs to know (105) Aras ui Cathail How society money works for non-treasurers, it is not just the treasurers responsibility, what role each committee member plays. The Schedule of Allowances Explained and how to sell on the on line store. Not just for treasurers Facilitator: Riona Hughes & Billy moeve Stewart, SocsBox</p>	<p>3pm – 5pm The 3rd section of the Bailey Allen Hall will be set up with the Info Clinic (Tables with the following info):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Get your passwords, add committee members to your dashboard. Set up your room booker, Registration 2. Booking Equipment 3. set up your banking online 4. Fun things to do, get ideas and check out society deals. <i>Colm Billy</i> 5. The USCG reps explain their role and help you raise any issues. 6. Constitution Support. <i>Patrick</i> <p>tea and biscuits</p>
3pm - 4pm			
4pm - 5pm			
5pm - 6pm 6pm – 7pm	<p>H The Dashboard (34) Aras ui Cathail computer suite Getting up to speed with the Society Dashboard and what the Socsbox can do for you. Facilitator: Sam Iredale and Colm McElligott, SocsBox</p> <p>J Organising Internersities, Society Awards and BICS Awards (24) Meeting rooms How to enter the NUJ Galway and National Awards, and how your BICS Networking reps can help you with your intersivity events. Facilitated by: Sean Reilly and Richard Brown BICS Networking Reps: Isabella</p>		
Pizza and Society Speed Networking (118)			

Saturday 26th September 2015

A Societies Explained Your Society as part of the Big Picture, Society leadership programme, statistics form last year on societies and the Bank of Ireland Awards: Facilitator: Riona Hughes (repeat of the Friday 2pm – 3pm session) (35) Bailey Allen C		Aras ui Cathaill Lecture Hall (1 st hour) /computer suite Aras ui Cathaill		Registration
10am - 11am		The Cube	The Space	Additional Skills
11am - 1pm	B Understanding your (57) Constitution Rona/Caira The role of the chairperson and managing meetings Leadership skills Riona Bailey Allen C	D Secretary role and managing meetings (61) Ronan/Caira Understnding university protocols David/Sean constitution. Ronan/Caira Cube	I Event organisation (32) Fun things to do Susan/Sam Ronan/Caira The Space	O Getting up to speed (31) with the Society Dashboard and what the Socbox can do for you. Colm Aras ui Cathaill computer suite P An introduction to lights and sound and using the Cube and how to use the AV in Aras na Mac Leinn. (25) Colm Full training will be available later. The Stage
1pm - 2pm	Lunch College Bar (205)			
2pm - 3:30pm	C Chairperson Creating the Dream Team (52) Riona Bailey Allen C	E Public Relations (44) 1 How to use all the Society and university PR tools. 2 Social media 3 Press releases and local and national media., Isabella/David Cube	J Health & Safety, risk (22) assessment, safety statement Society Equipment, what we have, how to book it and how to manage your own equipment. Susan/Sam The Space	
3:30pm – 4pm	K Conflict Resolution/ (54) Societies Complaints process Riona Bailey Allen C	F Poster Design (52) Software for designing posters and tips on making them look great. Isabella Aras ui Cathaill	L Themed Weeks (14) planning events with the SU David/Phelim The Space	
4pm – 5pm	Q Leadership and team 22 skills session for everyone who wishes to apply for a societies leadership/ team award. (covered in chairpersons session) Riona Bailey Allen C	G The Dos and Don'ts of making a promo video (8) Colm Large Acoustic	R Societies & the Students (35) Union, collaborating on events and Themed Weeks. Isabella / David/ Phelim The Space	
5pm – 6pm	Post Training Get Together, College bar with refreshments and Finger Food (110)			Susan 5pm – 6pm



Sunday 27th Auditors Away Day

Bus departs from the Orbsen building 10am Departing Brights Garden, 5pm The day is for Auditors to get to know each other, deepen their understanding of leadership and team work, to relax, have fun and eat food all in a beautiful location. (79)

Appendix 8: Bank Of Ireland Bursary

The bursary, worth €10,000, promotes the valuable work of student societies, enhancing the student experience and enriching the wider community. The aim of the award is to support the societies in organising events of social, cultural, humanitarian and educational importance. €5000 goes to direct grants to the society and €5000 towards the Society End of Year Awards. Thanks to both the Bank of Ireland and to Galway University Foundation for supporting the work of societies.



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Bursary Winners 2014–15

**GUMS | Galway University
Musical Society**

Baking Society

PotterSoc

**Literary and Debating
Society**

Cheersoc

Draíocht

Sláinte Soc

Style Society

Zoo Soc

Business Society

Disney Society



Bursary Award ceremony 2014



**Lit & Deb National
law Debates 2015**



**Style Soc
Fashion Show**



ACS Soc Intervarsity



**Zoo Soc
Conservation
Event**



Gums Musical Cabaret

Bursary Winners 2015–16

**Dramsoc: Irish Student
Drama Awards (ISDA):
€1000**

**Literary and Debating
Society: Irish National
Law Debates: €500**

**India Society: Diwali:
€200**

**Cumann Staire: Irish
History Students
Association (IHSA)
Conference: €700**

**Neuro Soc: Seeing the
Light: €500**

**Juggling Soc: Juggling
Convention: €200**

**Friends of MSF: Refugee
crisis week: €500**

**African Caribbean Society
Afrofest: €200**

**Cancer Society:
Relay for Life: €600**

**Potter Soc: Triwizard
Tournament €400**

**Slainte Soc: Movember
Tag Rugby: €200**



Potterfest



Cheerleading



Dramsoc ISDA



IHSA



Diwali



Afrofest



Juggling Convention



Realy for Life

Appendix 11: ALIVE Report

The total number of students receiving ALIVE certs for volunteering through the societies is 560.

The total number of hours volunteered by society ALIVE participants is 104445 which is the equivalent of 60 full time workers and only represents a percentage of the total number of students on committees.

This year to date Societies have posted 2631 events to the society calendar.

The Societies Leadership Programme is now in its second year, it requires societies to set goals, attend training, achieve a certain level of activity and membership and fulfill set criterion. This year we integrated the Society Leadership award with the ALIVE Certificate as an add on to the Cert the students will receive for other volunteering opportunities.

As of going to print 239 committee members are eligible for their Leadership Award.

We increased the amount of training this year and ran training opportunities throughout the year.

As part of the national societies organisation BICS Train your trainer weekend hosted by NUI Galway we trained 6 new society trainers to roll out additional training during the year.

