



NUI Galway Societies End of Year Report

2011-2012



Musical Society: Spring Awakening



Dramsoc Production: Rewind & Best Photograph



An Cumann Staire donation of €5,000 the Alzheimer Society - Feminist Society win Best Civic Contribution at BICS National Awards



'NUI Galway Wants It That Way' for charity



Brendan from the SocsBox juggling chairs for Múscailt



A hopeful Labour Youth Society at Socs day 2

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Societies: Playing a key role delivering the University's Strategic Plan.

- Developing Life & Transferrable Skills
- Supporting Academic Excellence
- Creating a Supportive Campus Community
- Embracing Diversity
- Building Community Partnerships
- Promoting Culture and the Arts
- Promoting a Positive University Image (Appendix 10)
- Developing and Maintaining Valuable Alumni Links

In a student centred University, committed to academic excellence, developing fully educated citizens of the future, fostering community partnerships and promoting culture, the societies play a key role. They are also vital in promoting a positive image for the University and the student body and giving our students the opportunity to explore, develop and hone the skills which will make them valued members of the workforce. Experienced Society committee members are much sought after as employers know that the skills they most value such as team work, event organization, communication, time management, problem solving and task completion are all learnt in societies. (Appendices 1 & 9)

In NUI Galway the societies are an integrated part of the university and strong links and partnerships within the University have been developed over time to support them in this key role. They are recognized as having an important contribution to make in developing our students academically and socially. They provide a well developed conduit to the student body and attract the best and brightest who, in turn by their work and commitment transform the campus into a nurturing home which embraces diversity and creates supportive communities. They help student's weather difficult times and are therefore an ally for the university's aspirations by supporting retention, adding value to the academic programmes and broadening the students' horizons. They invite a broad range of speakers, hold numerous classes, host thought provoking debates and organise educational trips. We work particularly closely with the academic drama programmes, running a Theatre Festival, A Summer Festival programme, the Jerome Hynes One Act Play Series and societies have installed a full theatre fit out in the Cube in Áras na Mac Léinn. (Appendices 7 & 8) If third level is not the time to question, challenge, explore, dream of the possibility of change, oppose oppressions, set a moral compass, champion causes and demand equality and justice for all then surely we are all doomed to apathy and mediocrity.

Throughout the report you will see tangible evidence, often in their own words, of how they contribute to learning and enriching the student experience. The Societies in NUI Galway are extraordinary and are full of exceptional individuals many of whom you will meet on a visit to Áras na Mac Léinn. As individuals they excel but when they come together as they are supported to do by the facilities, web-based resources and training they receive they are a force to be reckoned with. There is an obligation on the University to give them the best support possible to fulfil their potential, it does not happen by accident, and despite dwindling resources the strides forward in their development must be protected.

The Societies Office works closely with academics, all our colleagues in Student Services, CELT, CKI, the numerous University Services, The Arts in Action Programme, The Alumni Office, The Press and Information Office and the Students Union. It is these relationships which allow the Societies office to provide the best facilities for our societies. This in turn supports and encourages them to provide the best, relevant, meaningful most cost effective service for their members.

How did we do this year?

This year 102 societies completed their end of year report with a membership of 8516 individual students an almost 12% increase from last year. The Societies have a combined membership of 37,157, an increase of nearly 15% with students joining an average of 4.36 societies. The Societies enrich the social, community and cultural life of the campus with their presence. They bring colour and excitement to the University, which enriches all of our lives. This year they posted 2716 events onto the societies calendar and held 1270 committee meetings and booked 5215 events into the student centre, Áras na Mac Léinn. (Appendix 9) By organising events of educational, cultural, social and humanitarian value they broaden our perspectives and enhance the university experience for their fellow students while contributing to the local community and the wider world. In the last nine years they have contributed over €1.70 million euro to charity.

In the last year they have been honoured with numerous awards and volunteered with communities throughout the world. They won 4 out of the 9 possible awards at the BICS National Awards in April bringing the tally of wins since the start of the awards in 1996 to 30, eight more than our nearest competitor. (Appendix 5) Societies organize many community outreach programmes including debating, drama and music and they volunteering with and fundraising for national and international charities.

This report is generated by the societies on-line resources (www.socs.nuigalway.ie) and automatically collates the information they input during the year, including the events as they list them on their calendar, details of their committee and their financial report. They also have the opportunity to write an introduction to summarise their year. As you read through their individual reports to you will be able to share their numerous triumphs and achievements.

This has been the societies third year in with their new facilities in Áras na Mac Léinn and has seen significant growth in membership and activities. NUI Galway has the best facilities in the country for student societies and we are the service that other colleges benchmark against. The procedures we have in place for ensuring the safety of our students, our financial accountability, empowering our students to believe in themselves and what they can achieve, our data collection and membership management is second to none.

The facilities, infrastructure and support that is in place that makes us the best in the country.

Dedicated Rooms:

The Societies have access to 13 rooms for their use that are managed by a flexible room-booking on line system which allows everyone to see availability and to book rooms at the last minute (www.roombooking.socs.nuigalway.ie). Namely 4 meeting rooms of varying size, two Acoustic rooms, (currently, despite best efforts, a solution has not been found that they are in no way acoustically sealed which is hampering fully developing our music programme) 2 editing suites, One large multi purpose space and a smaller one which when joined together have the potential to be a first class theatre and performance space when the long awaited retractable seating recently gone to tender is completed. A purpose built 19 seater computer suite, with printing and photocopying, a fully equipped dark room and a dedicated art room plus a computer server room managed by the Computer Society and some storage both general and specific to a number of the societies. The Societies view this building as their home and see it as proof of the high regard the University holds them in and therefore inspires them to feats of extraordinary valour volunteering long hours to bring thousands of events to the campus and beyond. They made 82% of the bookings for 70% of the time during the academic term and 77% of the bookings for 57% of the time for the whole year. In addition to Aras na Mac Leinn the Societies also have a drop in centre for computers for recycling and sending to the third world through our Camara Society. A drama storage shed shared by our Drama and Musical Society. Plus the latest addition to the Societies real estate in the form of the new bicycle repair shed the brainchild of our Ecology society to support sustainable transport.

The SocsBox

The ticket, information centre and hub of society activity is open late in the evenings and not only sells society tickets and merchandise but promotes student access to cultural events by negotiating student rate tickets to numerous events in the city. This year the SocsBox team facilitated the themed weeks, Music week in Semester one and Theatre Week in semester two, which has as its highlight popular Jerome Hynes One Act Play series. This year saw a new initiative the Summer Programme Festivals @ NUI Galway (festivals@nuigalway.ie) initiative which promoted NUI Galway as a key player in all the Summer Festivals and gained recognition of the new student theatre. 'The Cube' as a performance venue to a city audience. In all fifteen productions, most student, staff and recent alumni and many new works were performed. All of this with the aim of supporting the academic drama programme and giving a professional outlet to our artistic and performing students. What makes the SocsBox so successful is its flexibility and its student centeredness constantly evolving to best facilitate the students and societies needs.

Health and Safety

We have made great strides with our Health and safety initiative. All students travelling on trips must now complete a safety form before departing and each society organising the trip must put the necessary procedures in place to ensure safety. We also introduced a new remote till which allowed the societies to sell their tickets from any laptop collection all data for the finance system and also ensuring that all purchasers were made familiar with the code of conduct. The result of this was increased transparency in ticket sales and a marked improvement in behaviour at a number of the Society Balls. Venues hosting these major events were worked closely with to best facilitate safe events with due consideration for our students wellbeing.

On Line Supports and transparency

The Societies have a very comprehensive on line support system and a weekend of training in addition to one-to-one training and support throughout the year. From the moment they scan their members on Societies day, or the members join through the on line portal YourSpace, (www.yourspace.nuigalway.ie) the societies have easy contact via text, e-mail and a weekly guide to all members listing all events on the societies calendar (www.socs.nuigalway.ie/whats_happening_guide/.) The on-line resources also produce numerous statistics which help with planning and strategic development and also helps identify when societies are in difficulty and may require additional support. It allows societies independence to manage their own affairs while also promoting accountability.

To fully appreciate Societies contribution to the University the data suggests that societies this year provided the equivalent of 95 full time workers providing social, cultural and educational support to the university community with a budget of €637,821 which they raise themselves, equalling a total monetary value of over 2 million euro. Just 27% of all society funding comes from the University through grants. The good news is that just over 1% of their expenditure was spent on alcohol and the highest category of expenditure at 18% was on charity fundraising with €150,984 going to numerous local and international charities. (Appendix 3)

Sometimes it is difficult to define exactly what societies do, as their activities are as diverse as their members' imagination. But what they do is provide an opportunity for our students to explore, develop, aspire, realise dreams, achieve goals and make a significant contribution, not only to their personal development, but to the development of our country and the wider world. The facilities that have been given to Societies in NUI Galway to support them in their endeavours in Aras na Mac Leinn have allowed an extraordinary flowering of activities. It is truly the student building but overtime other demands are encroaching on this and what has been gained could so easily be lost, the building is in operation now for a few years and it is timely that the students access is protected and given priority and that the last number of projects are completed, namely creating an acceptable level of sound proofing in the acoustic rooms and the completion of the seating in the Cube.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Societies committees and the dedicated SocsBox for their invaluable contribution throughout the year. The University Societies Coordination Group (USCG) who met monthly to strategise and plan on behalf of the societies. I would also like to thank the innumerable university services who have been so supportive to the Societies and their activities throughout the year and have made it possible for them to shine and fulfill their dreams.

Enjoy the report.

Riona Hughes

Societies Statistics Comparison

	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	% change since last year
Number of societies who completed the end of year report	92	96	102	5.88%
Membership individual students	5,763	7,517	8,516	11.73%
Societies total membership	25,662	31,714	37,157	14.65%
Number of committee members	616	737	863	14.60%
Society Turnover	905,564.00	1,160,108.00	1,010,904.31	-12.86%
Charity Fundraising	160,650.00	158,484.00	150,983.76	-4.73%
Socsbox Turnover	89,289.40	162,395.8	128,814	-20.67% *
Total Individual transactions	No figures	8740	10958	20.24% **
Socsbox running costs	89,105.75	71,934.61	74,200.00	3.05%
ALIVE participants	315	339	490	30.82%
Number of Societies events on calendar plus committee meetings	2,159	3,832	3,987	3.89%
Total of all events booked into Aras na Mac Leinn	no figure	6,538	6,804	3.91%
Number of hours of all bookings in Aras na Mac Leinn	no figure	25,082	32,882	23.72%

* This is attributable to the on line till sales for societies which can be created by the SocsBox at time of setting up a sale which allows the Society themselves to sell their own tickets from their laptop their on-line finance system. This was used by all the societies selling ball tickets. This not only kept accurate accounts but linked each sale to a particular student, Note the number of individual transaction rose by 20.24% which indicates that on average ticket prices were lower than the previous year or that more items at lower prices were sold..

**This figure is higher than the one in the societies income as tickets are also sold for clubs and other University arts groups.

Socs Officer Balance Sheet - 2011/2012

Income			Expenditure		
Income Category	Amount		Expenditure Category	Amount	
Balls	€ 24,337.18	2.78%	Affiliation/Membership fees	€ 3,338.37	0.42%
Classes	€ 225.00	0.03%	Ball	€ 137,024.43	17.04%
Fundraising	€ 176,599.80	20.21%	Bank charge	€ 3,204.69	0.40%
Hoodies	€ 2,105.50	0.15%	Costumes	€ 5,492.97	0.68%
Members Contributions	€ 17,958.52	0.24%	Dinner	€ 45,300.73	5.64%
Muscailt	€ 2,050.00	2.05%	Entertainment	€ 47,315.50	5.89%
Societies day	€ 4.66	0.23%	Entry fees	€ 14,992.47	1.86%
SocsBox Till	€ 116,281.00	0.00%	Equipment misc	€ 14,888.81	1.85%
Sponsorship	€ 55,339.13	13.30%	Euros Debate	€ 36,406.58	4.53%
Ticket Sales	€ 201,813.59	6.33%	Fundraising/charity	€ 150,983.76	18.78%
USC Grant	€ 240,380.80	23.09%	Gifts	€ 1,042.71	0.13%
		27.50%	Hall hire	€ 3,585.00	0.45%
			Hire Bus	€ 12,068.00	1.50%
			Hoodies	€ 10,715.92	1.33%
			Lights	€ 7,858.74	0.98%
			Makeup/Props	€ 2,162.47	0.27%
			Materials	€ 17,894.27	2.23%
			Non Alcoholic Refresh	€ 6,861.01	0.85%
			Performing rights	€ 4,426.26	0.55%
			Phone	€ 445.54	0.06%
			Postage	€ 19.80	0.00%
			Printing	€ 14,830.03	1.84%
			Prizes	€ 17,725.24	2.20%
			Promotions	€ 5,792.13	0.72%
			Reception	€ 8,482.05	1.06%
			Scores	€ 224.04	0.03%
			Security	€ 6,982.00	0.87%
			Set	€ 7,425.58	0.92%
			Society accommodation	€ 44,527.85	5.54%
			Society transport	€ 68,926.50	8.57%
			Societies day expenses	€ 3,326.80	0.41%
			Sound	€ 10,739.00	1.34%
			Speaker accommodation	€ 7,016.17	0.87%
			Speaker travel	€ 16,655.57	2.07%
			Stationary	€ 453.50	0.06%
			Teacher fees	€ 27,488.00	3.42%
			Video Hire	€ 402.09	0.05%
Income Total	€ 873,976.30		Expenditure Total	€ 803,910.42	
Opening Balance Total	€ 142,928.01		Closing Bank Balance Total	€ 212,993.89	
			Cash In Hand Total	€ 0.00	
Total	€ 1,016,904.31		Total	€ 1,016,904.31	

Societies Individual Reports

Note this section is automatically generated on line in the Societies *Secretaries Report Generator*. The opening paragraph they write themselves and the events are in-putted from their events calendar which is why they describe the events in the future. The generator also picks up their committee details and balance sheet and they fill in a form for the *Other Information*. This section has been briefly edited but may still contain typing errors and certain symbols corrupted depending on what browser they were using. What follows is what the societies had to say about themselves and how they communicated with their members inviting them to their events during the year.

Accountancy and Finance Society

This year we set ourselves the challenge of having the largest number of members of any society which we achieved. We successfully negotiated sponsorship to help us organise a series of informative events for our members as well as a organising a wide variety of social events. We also launched our successful A & F discount card which provided our members with discount deal with local businesses.

Accountancy and Finance Society Events

This year the society held a total of 15 events.

NUIG's first major student discount card on sale TODAY » *Soc's box (Aras Na Mac Leinn) beside the Bailey Allen Hall* » 5th September 2011

The NUIG Accountancy and Finance Society discount card is NUIG's first major student discount card giving students discounts all over Galway. They also give you preference access to A & F social events including the national and international mystery tour. Visit www.nuigafsociety.com for details.

The NUIG Back to College Party » *College bar 7pm, 11pm CP's nightclub NB Queue early* » 5th September

The annual NUIG Back to College Party.

7pm College bar (free admin) 11pm CP's nightclub (admin price reduced to €4)

Ticket sales for The NUIG Pink Party - NUIG's most exclusive party of 2011 - Halo nightclub » *Aras Na Mac Leinn (Beside the college bar)* » 7th September 2011

For the first time this year the exclusive over 23's Halo nightclub will open its doors for all NUIG students for the much anticipated NUIG Pink Party - with a celebrity style press red carpet with photographers, special guest pink models, guest Dj's and much more surprises and guests on the night. Tickets on sale today Wednesday 7th Sept at 1pm.

NUIG Pink Party - NUIG's most exclusive party of 2011 – Halo » *Halo nightclub* » 14th September

For the first time this year the exclusive over 23's Halo nightclub will open its doors for all NUIG students for the much anticipated NUIG Pink Party - with a celebrity style press red carpet with photographers, special guest pink models, guest Dj's and many more surprises and guests on the night - its set to be NUIG's most exclusive party of 2011

NUIG Accountancy and Finance Society discount cards last batch being put on sale » *Societies office - Aras Na Mac Leinn (beside the college bar ground floor)* » 19th September 2011

The NUIG Accountancy and Finance society discount card is NUIG's first major student discount card and the only discount card with discounts all over Galway. Also gives you preference access to all our social events and ticket sales.

On sale for only e5 in the Societies office - Aras Na Macleinn (beside the college bar, ground floor).

Networking Opportunity with Graduate Recruitment Officers and employees from the worlds largest professional services firm Deloitte » *The Cube and stage - Aras Na Macleinn* » 22nd September 2011

For one hour only graduate recruitment officers and managers from Deloitte will be interviewing students in the upcoming milk rounds and will be on hand to talk directly to students and answer any questions which students have about the recruitment process or what it's like to work at Deloitte. Event hosted by the Accountancy and Finance society sponsored by Deloitte, CP's nightclub and Domino's pizza.

CV's, Applications, Interviews - How to master all 3 ! Get inside tips from Graduate Recruitment Officers from the worlds largest professional services firm Deloitte » *The Cube & Stage Aras Na Mac leinn (beside college bar ground floor)* » 22nd September 2011

This is a once in a year opportunity to get inside tips from graduate recruitment officers from the world's largest professional services firm Deloitte who will be interviewing students in the upcoming milk rounds aswell as for upcoming summer internship opportunities.

Are you a Commerce/Accountancy/ IT/ Law student looking for a job after graduation or a summer internship ? » *The Cube & stage - Aras Na Mac Leinn* » 22nd September 2011

For one day only graduate officers and employees from Deloitte - The world's largest professional services firm will be on NUIG campus to talk students through different jobs available in Deloitte after graduation and summer internships.

The NUIG Rugby & Cheerleader party - Open to all students CP's nightclub » *CP's nightclub* » 26th September
The NUIG Rugby and Cheerleader party :

- * Free admission for the first 100 people in a rugby t-shirt or cheerleader outfit
- * Free Domino's pizza in the smoking area from 1.30am
- * 200 free pom poms and loads more surprises on the night
- * Appearances from your favourite NUIG Rugby players
- * Photographer crew filming and photoing the night
- * Admission is only e4 or e2 with the Accountancy and Finance society discount card

Launch of NUIG's first major student discount card at the new lower selling price of only 3euros !! »

Societies Office NUIG (Aras Na Mac Leinn beside the college bar) » 3rd October 2011
It's NUIG's first major student discount card with discounts all over Galway. Now on sale for a reduced price from 5 to 3 euros !!

All students require the card to gain access to our social events and we host the universities largest parties and events so buying the card pays off ! See www.nuigafociety.com for further details of the card and the society.

Ticket sales for NUIG Commerce & Law Halloween Carnival party - Tonight Monday CP's 11pm ! »

Societies office » 24th October 2011

After the first batch selling out, we've put a second batch on sale in the societies office (beside college bar) only e2 ! Event

information :NUIG Commerce & Law Halloween Carnival party :-Flame breathers performance throughout the night

-Special guest dance act & guest performers -Free glow sticks, face painters, masks & moustaches

-Free Domino's pizza from 1.30am -Candy Floss machine

-Red carpet style area & NUIG film & photo crew snapping the night

A limited supply of tickets are on sale for e2 in societies office, remaining 1000 tickets on sale on the door on the night for e4 or e2 with A & F society discount card.

1000 Euro cheque presentation to Crumlin's Childrens Hospital - A & F society » *The Quadrangle NUIG* »

3rd January 2012 After a semester of successful sell out social events aimed at helping our members meet other students, socialize and enjoy college life that bit extra, we have raised quiet a bit of money !

The first instalment will come this Tuesday when Sean Burke (President and Founder) and Damien Scanlon (VP & President elect) will be presenting a cheque to the Accountancy and Finance societies named charity - Crumlin's Childrens Hospital. In attendance will be the Campaign Manager from Crumlin's Childrens Hospital and the Vice President of NUIG and press photographers.

NUIG Back to College Party 2012 » *CPs* » 9th January

CP's nightclub 11pm Monday January 9th e4 entry with A & F discount card e6 without. It wouldn't be an A & F society event without a few surprises on the night. For the commerce and law Halloween party we brought you a guest dance act, candy floss machine, free glow sticks, free domino's pizza and more, this time you're just going to have to wait to see what surprises we have up our sleeves for the night!

A & F society sends delegation to Trinity Economics Forum » *Trinity College Dublin* » 2nd February – 4th February

2012 The Accountancy and Finance society is delighted to announce that we will be sending a delegation of representatives to the Trinity Economic Forum. The inaugural Trinity Economic Forum will open on Friday 3rd February. Key speakers include President Michael D. Higgins, Dan O'Brien - Irish Times economics editor, Dr John McHale - Chairman of the Irish Fiscal Advisory Council) and much more.

NUIG's first FIFA 12 Tournament » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 8th March 2012

On Thursday March 8th, the Bailey Allen Hall will be transformed into a FIFA game zone with multiple gaming stations, free Domino's pizza, chocolate fountain & more through out the day.

Prizes include a free J1, €50 Domino's voucher, 1 week VIP skip the line CP's pass & more spot prizes. The day kicks off at 12pm with entry only €3 with capacity for 600 students however the tournament is restricted to the first 200 students to enter.

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Sean Burke

Secretary: Katherine Kelly

Events team member: Martin McGonigle

Social Events Co-Ordinator : Aine Browne

Public Relations Team: Gerald Doherty

Treasurer: Lorna Taaffe

Head of Events: Maurice Kelter

Co -Chief Events Director: Neil Browne

Events team co-ordinator: Gemma Lynch

Vice-Auditor: Damien Scanlon

Co - Chief Events Director: Caolan O'Hehir

Events Director/Academic Event Co- Ordinator: Katherine Connolly

Events Director,Strategic Strategy Team: Elaine Whelan

Webmaster : Hazel Murphy

Co - Treasurer: Karen Conroy

Public Relations Director: Sean Gallagher

Events team co-ordinator : Patrick Kirby

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income

Income Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	592.81
Fundraising	€3,395.00
Members Contributions	€1,350.00
SocsBox Till	€2,314.50
Sponsorship	€4,400.00
Ticket Sales	€560.65
USC Grant	€2,900.00

Expenditure

Expenditure Category	Amount
Bank charge	€147.32
Dinner	€2,924.68
Entertainment	€1,205.00
Equipment misc	€175.00
Hall hire	€500.00
Hoodies	€268.00
Materials	€610.00
Non Alcoholic Refresh	€745.00
Printing	€1,709.00
Prizes	€100.00
Promotions	€900.00
Reception	€164.00
Society transport	€3,100.00
Socs day expenses	€600.00
Speaker accommodation	€85.00
Expenditure Total	€13,233.00
Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
Closing Bank Balance	€2,279.96
Total	€15,512.96

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 2445 members.

ALIVE Participation

<u>Maurice Kelter</u>	Chief public relations officer	100 hours
<u>Martin McGonigle</u>	Chief of Events, PR officer,	230 hours
<u>Damien Scanlon</u>	President	950 hours
<u>Caolan O'Hehir</u>	Chief Event Organiser	200 hours
<u>Karen Conroy</u>	Committee Member	35 hours
<u>Anetta Libucha</u>	Volunteer	20 hours
<u>Gemma Lynch</u>	Events team member and treasurer	150 hours
<u>Neil Browne</u>	First Year Rep	100 hours
<u>Aine Browne</u>	Public Relations	200 hours
<u>Paul O'Mahony</u>	Photographer	10 hours
<u>David McCarthy</u>	Events team/ first year Rep	20 hours
<u>Sean Burke</u>	Founder & President (Sept - Feb)	1700 hours
<u>Lorna Taaffe</u>	Treasurer	30 hours
<u>Stephen O'Brien</u>	First year rep	350 hours
<u>Patrick Kirby</u>	Committee member	128 hours
# ALIVE Students:	15 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	4223 hours	

Agrisoc

Agri Soc had a successful first year in which we generated interest in agricultural affairs among our members and educated them on different aspects of the sector. The Barndance was a huge success and we have planned for more events in 2012-2013.

Agrisoc Events

This year the society held a total of 5 events.

Agri Soc EGM » *The Space* » 20th October 2011

Agri Soc EGM to fill positions of Secretary, Treasurer 2 and Events Officer. Discussion on Potato picking and Wellie Throwing Competitions!!!

Agri Soc Meeting » *The Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 5th October 2011

First Meeting of Agri Soc. Meet & Greet session with discussion on ideas for the coming year followed by drinks and refreshments.

Agri Soc Meeting » *ac201* » 25th January 2012

Agri Soc meeting discussing our new event for 2012, possible speakers and Septic Tank charges! Hope to see you in AC 202!

Is Climate Change a Myth debate? » *Cairnes theatre* » 8th February 2012

This week Agri Soc is going to link in with Law Soc debate on Climate Change. Lord Christopher Monckton and Profs. O'Dowd and Bates will debate whether climate change is all a load of claptrap or something to be concerned about! With different measures being placed on farmers to reduce pollution it should be an interesting one!

Barn Dance Banter » *Carbon* » 20th February Agri Soc in conjunction with Carbon are hosting BARN DANCE BANTER!!!! Some discount passes available so get in contact! Be sure to dress up Cowboys and Cowgirls!

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Keith Henry

Vice-Auditor: Mark Nestor

Treasurer: Malachy Egan

PRO: Pdraig O'Shaughnessy

Treasurer 2: Daniel Mills

Secretary: Sarah Kelly

External Relations Officer: Jeanie Cooper

Assistant Secretary: Ciara Keane

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Ball	€60.00
Sponsorship	€50.00	Bank charge	€18.15
USC Grant	€200.00	Expenditure Total	€78.15
Total	€250.00	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€171.85
		Total	€250.00

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 307 members.

ALIVE Participation

<u>Malachy Egan</u>	Treasurer	10 hours
<u>Keith Henry</u>	Auditor	25 hours
<u>Jeanie Cooper</u>	External Relations Officer	15 hours
<u>Ciara Keane</u>	Assistant Secretary	15 hours

ALIVE Students: 4 student

Hours Volunteered: 65 hours

Amnesty Soc

This year Amnesty Soc has aimed to increase its presence on the NUIG campus by hosting more events throughout the year and attracting the attention of the students. Through our fundraising events we made over €750 for Amnesty Ireland. Guest speakers including Dr. Ray Murphy from the Irish Centre of Human Rights attracted audiences.

Amnesty Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 13 events.

Guest Speaker » AM150 » 26th October 2011

Marie-Anne Michel from Amnesty Action Centre Galway will be talking about Amnesty International

Film Screening » D'Arcy Thompson Theatre » 7th November 2011

The Amnesty Society will be screening the film 'Persepolis'. It is the story of a young girl growing up during the Iranian Revolution. The film won the Jury Prize at the 2007 Cannes film Festival and was nominated for Academy Award for Best Animated Film in 2008.

Dr. Raymond Murphy talk on war crimes » O'Flaherty Theatre » 21st November 2011

Dr. Murphy is from the Irish Centre for Human Rights in Galway and is also the vice-president of Amnesty Ireland.

JAMNESTY » Roisin Dubh » 28th February 2012

The Amnesty Society are hosting a Gig in the Roisin Dubh with all proceeds going to Amnesty International Ireland. Acts on the day include Shauna McDaid, Lexington 123 and Ignition Kid. doors open at 9pm, entry e4

Amnesty EGM » Art Room » 22nd September 2011

The First Amnesty meeting of the year will comprise of the election of the new committee for this year and a discussion about what the society plans to do throughout the year.

AmnesTEA » Hub » 12th March 2012 : The Amnesty are celebrating Fairtrade with free fairtrade tea and coffee and other fairtrade snacks

Belarus Petition Signing » Hub » 4th October 2011

The Amnesty Society met to have a petition signing around the HUB on the death penalty in Belarus.

Friendship Bracelet sale » Smokies » 31st January 2012

The Amnesty Society sold friendship bracelets to help make money for the Covenant House in Guatemala.

Bake sale for Radios for Zimbabwe » Aras na Mac Leinn » 13th February 2012

The Amnesty Society held a bake sale to raise funds for the 'Radios for Zimbabwe' campaign.

Amnesty Soc Meeting » Art Room » 29th September 2011

A short meeting to organise a letter signing next week and to iron out any remaining things that need to be completed

Amnesty Soc Meeting » Meeting Room 2 Aras na Mac Leinn » 6th October 2011 : Weekly meeting to discuss amnesty objectives

Amnesty Soc Meeting » Meeting Room 2 Aras Na Mac leinn » 13th October 2011

Weekly meeting to discuss amnesty's current activities and upcoming activities for AmnestySoc

Amnesty Soc Meeting » Aras na Mac Leinn » 27th October 2011 : Amnesty Society weekly Meeting

Committee 2011/2012

Vice-Auditor: Aine Holmes

Auditor: Clifford Turtle

Secretary: Lauren Dooley

Treasurer: Matthew Moylan

Oifigeach na Gaeilge: Darren Conneely

PRO: Joanne Reilly

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.34	Bank charge	€54.68
Fundraising	€741.23	Entertainment	€144.70
SocsBox Till	€20.00	Fundraising/charity	€761.23
USC Grant	€500.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€45.43
Total	€1,261.57	Printing	€30.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,036.04
		Closing Bank Balance	€225.53
		Total	€1,261.57

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 318 members.

ALIVE Participation

<u>Clifford Turtle</u>	Auditor	48 hours
<u>Lauren Dooley</u>	Secretary	15 hours
<u>Kamile Jucyte</u>	Fundraiser	5 hours
<u>Aine Holmes</u>	Vice-Auditor	35 hours
# ALIVE Students:	4 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	103 hours	

An Cumann Craic

I mbliana, rinne muid athbheochan iomlan ar an Chumann Craic! D'eagraigh muid a lan imeachtaí i rith na bliana chun cail an chumann a fheabhsu; mar shampla, ceilithe, Oíche na Mac Leinn, Coisir na Samhna agus Coisir na Nollag, turas chuig an Oireachtas i gCill Airne, agus feile iomlan dha seachtain fa choinne Sheachtain na Gaeilge. Ta suim ag a lan daoine ins an Chumann Craic i mbliana agus ta neart daoine ag iarraidh a bheith pairteach ins an chumann an bhliain seo chugainn. Thug foireann agus mic leinn an cholaiste faoi deara go bhfuil imeachtaí trí mheán na Gaeilge i bhfad níos briomhaire i mbliana.

This year we revived An Cumann Craic from the dead! We organised a series of events throughout the year to improve the reputation of the society; we organised events such as Ceilís, Oíche na Mac Leinn, Halloween and Christmas parties, a trip to Oireachtas na Samhna in Killarney, and a two week festival with daytime, evening time and nighttime activities everyday of this festival. A lot of people have generated interest in the Cumann Craic this year and we have had a lot of people expressing interest in being part of the committee next year. The staff and students of the college alike have noticed that Irish language activities for the students are much more alive this year. We were awarded the Phoenix Award at the Societies Awards for our miraculous resurrection.

An Cumann Craic Events

This year the society held a total of 43 events.

Trathnóna sóisialta » *An Hub, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 19th October 2011

Teacht le cheile muintir an acadaimh agus an príomh champus- an cumann craic, dramaíochta, sóisialta agus subhoro!

AGM/CCB An Cumann Craic » *Aras na Gaeilge, Seomra 204* » 21st September 2011

Cruinniú Cinn Bliana/ AGM An Cumann Craic; Suim ag einne a bheith ar coiste an Cumann Craic 2011/12? Bí ann! interested in being on An Cumann Craic's 2011/12 committee? Come along to Aras na Gaeilge beside James Hardiman library.... Bia saor/ Free Food:)

Oíche na mac leinn / Student Night as Gaeilge » *Aras na nGael (with a big blue door), Sraid Dominic / Dominick st.* » 15th September – 17th November 2011 (10 individual events)

Failte roimh gach duine chuig Aras na nGael gach deardaoin/ Everyones welcome to come to Aras na nGael for a bit of craic and meet new friends as Gaeilge:)

Coisir Oíche Shamhna! Halloween party in Arus na nGael » *Arus na nGael, Sraid Dominc (same st as monroes, with a big blue door)* » 31st October 2011

Coisir Mor Oíche Shamhna san Arus! Halloween Party in the Arus! Big Ann! Be there!

An t-Oireachtas » *Cill Airne, Co. Chiarraí* » 4th November – 6th November 2011 (3 individual events)

Coisir ollmhor na Gaeilge, damhsa agus ceol ar an sean-nos, ceilithe craiceailte gleasta agus craic as gaeilge! Huge irish party, singing and dancing sa sean-nos, mad fancy dress ceilis and general craic through Gaeilge!

Coisir roimh na scrudaithe » *College Bar/ Teach Tabhairne An Cholaiste* » 23rd November 2011

Coisir le Cumann Craic, Sóisialta, Dramaíochta & Subhoro suas staire i dteach tabhairne!

Ceili!!!! » *Teach tabhairne an cholaiste/ College Bar » 10th January 2012*

Ceili mor! Scaip an sceal!! Giant irish dancing session! Spread the word!

Coisir na Mac Leinn/ Student Party » *Arus na nGael, Sraid Dominic/ Dominick st (ar an bothar ceanna le Monroes, timpeall an cuinne on roisin dubh/ same road as Monroes, around the corner from the roisin dubh) » 9th February 2012*

Failte roimh chach! Everyone welcome! Ceol, craic agus Gaeilge! Ceol le trad soc! Music, fun and a chance to use your irish or learn some! Bigi linn! Be there!

Seoladh Seachtain na Gaeilge, » *Aras na Mac leinn » 5th March 2012*

Seoladh Oifigi?il Sheachtain na GaeilgeLaunch of The Cumann Craic's Irish Week!

Fibin Theatre Company » *Bank of Ireland Theatre » 12th March 2012*

Play Finscial Fibini an hilarious look at the influences that have moulded our native language over the millennia and is produced in the unique Fibin style, with puppets, masks and an interactive presentation that makes Irish accessible and funny. Gaelchultuir described it as a ?se? den chéad scoth.

Peinteail Murphictiur » *Balla os comhair Aras na Mac Leinn » 2nd March 2012*

Oiche Shoisialta i gClub Aras na nGael » *Club Aras na nGael » 5th March 2012*

Ceardlann Drumadoireacht » *Outside the College Bar! » 5th March 2012*

Seachtain gan Bhearla » *Gach ait! » 5th March – 9th March 2012 (5 individual events)*

A full college week of not speaking English!

Teilifis, Anime agus Manga Gaeilge » *Aras na Mac Leinn » 6th March 2012*

Turas chuig an Acadamh » *an Cheathru Rua » 6th March 2012*

Oiche Chultuir leis na Mic Leinn Eireannach » *bailey allen hall » 7th March 2012*

Flash Ceili/ Agoid sa Chathair » *Ag casadh le cheile taoibh amuigh de Chomhaltas na Mac Leinn » 8th March 2012*

Coisir Sheachtain gan Bhearla » *Club Aras na nGael » 9th March 2012*

Mael Mordha (Banna Ceoil miotal trom) » *Kellys bar » 12th March 2012*

An Ghaeilge agus an Ghaeltacht fagtha ar lar? » *ac 201 concourse » 12th March 2012*

Cabaret Craiceailte » *College bar » 13th March 2012*

Cabaret Craiceailte le ceol, damhsa sean nos agus rap Gaelach

Ronan Beo, Radio na Gaeltachta » *College bar » 13th March 2012*

Craoladh beo Radio na Gaeltachta le Ronan Mac Aodha Bhui

Maidin Caife » *Hub » 14th March 2012*

Ceolchoirm Oi Polloi (Banna Ceoil le Gaeilge na hAlbann » *Club Aras na nGael » 14th March 2012*

Airneain scealatiochta, filiochta, amhranaiocht » *Aras Moyola, MY126 » 14th March 2012*

Oiche na Mac Leinn » *Club Aras na nGael » 15th March 2012*

Rith 2012 agus Coisir amuigh ar an Cheathru Rua ina dhiaidh!!! » *Eyre Square agus An Cheathru Rua » 16th March 2012 : Ag bualadh le cheile in Eyre Square ag a 2 agus ag rith amach chuig an Cheathru Rua!*

Committee 2011/2012

Secretary: Michelle Doocey

siamsaiocht/ ents: Maire Ni Mhaolain

Treasurer: Ciaran Doyle

Oifigeach Caidreamh Poibli/ PRO: Feidhlim Seoighe

ionadai dara bliana/ second year rep:

Amanda Duffy

Auditor: Orfhlaith Breathnach

Leas-cisteoir/ Vice treasurer: Fionnuala Fadian

Vice-Auditor: Aisling Curran

leas - Oifigeach Caidreamh Poibli/ vice-PRO: Blue Hanley

Committee 2012/2013

Vice-Auditor: Feidhlim Seoighe

Secretary: Aisling Curran

Auditor: Orfhlaith Breathnach

Treasurer: Ciaran Doyle

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€615.14	Affill/Mem fees	€50.00
Fundraising	€96.23	Bank charge	€15.04
Members Contributions	€210.00	Dinner	€173.50
SocsBox Till	€1,190.00	Entry fees	€860.00
Sponsorship	€500.00	Equipment misc	€12.00
USC Grant	€2,400.00	Hire Bus	€780.00
Total	€5,011.37	Materials	€100.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€320.72
		Printing	€113.04
		Society accommodation	€1,160.00
		Society transport	€172.50
		Socs day expenses	€105.00
		Expenditure Total	€3,861.80
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,149.57
		Total	€5,011.37

Other Information

We held 26 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 705 members.

ALIVE

<u>Niamh Blue Ni Ainli</u>	Treasurer	20 hours
<u>Aisling Curran</u>	Rúnaí (Secretary)	65 hours
<u>Feidhlim Seoighe</u>	Oifigeach Siamsaíochta	220 hours
# ALIVE Students:	3 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	305 hours	

Anime and Manga Society

The society had a very successful year overall. We ran many events and we were glad to see that a lot of the first years became very involved and seemed happy with the society. Our ties with the GMIT Anime and Manga Society became very strong this year which we were delighted with since we are a small society.

Our annual trip to Eirtakon saw its biggest turn out so far and went off without any problems thankfully! We hope we can continue this trip and maybe add a few more next year.

AkumaKon our own convention ran for its second year and saw a great turnout. Though we had a few problems with the way it was run since it had a separate committee this year we have taken action to prevent it happening again. Overall the convention went well and brought a lot of people to the college.

Anime and Manga Society Events

This year the society held a total of 28 events.

Anime Showing Kiki's Delivery Service » *IT250 I.T Building* » *15th September 2011*

Kiki is an enterprising young girl who must follow tradition to become a full-fledged witch. Venturing out with only her chatty black cat, Jiji, Kiki flies off for the adventure of a lifetime.

Anime Showing - Ao No Exorcist » *Large Acoustic Room, Aras na Mac Leinn* » *20th September 2011*

This world consists of two dimensions joined as one, like a mirror. The first is the world in which the humans live, Assiah. The other is the world of demons, Gehenna. Ordinarily, travel between the two, and indeed any kind of contact between the two, is impossible.

Anime and Manga EGM » *IT250 I.T Building* » *22nd September 2011*

Anime and Manga Soc EGM! Come along and elect some new committee members! refreshments will be held afterwards in The View

Anime Showing-Samurai Champloo » *The View Aras Na Mac Leinn* » *22nd September 2011*

Mugen's a buck wild warrior - violent, thoughtless and womanizing. Jin is a vagrant ronin - mysterious, traditional, well-mannered and very strong as well. These two fiercely independent warriors can't be any more different from one another, yet their paths cross. This is a story about love, friendship and courage... NOT!

Anime Showing - Evangelion » *Large acoustic room, Aras na mac leinn* » *25th September 2011*

Come enjoy a piece of Japanese anime history. No prior knowledge needed! Controversial, stunning, genius, overrated, decide for yourself!

Anime Film Showing - Ouran High School Host Club » *Large acoustic room, Aras na mac Leinn* » *27th September 2011*

Fujioka Haruhi won a scholarship to attend Ouran Academy, a school reserved for the rich and prestigious. Unfortunately for Haruhi, her high school days took a turn when she stumbled upon the Host Club.

Anime Showing - Tokyo Sonata » *IT250 (I.T Building)* » *29th September 2011*

When Ryuhei Sasaki is unceremoniously dumped from his 'safe' company job, his family's happy, humdrum life is put at risk.

Taster Night » *Large Acoustic Room* » *18th October 2011*

Watch the first episode of MANY, MANY, MANY different Animes and also join us for the Grand Opening of our Manga Library!

Monster » *IT250* » *20th October 2011*

Showing of Monster series.

Hellsing OVA (Halloween week) » *Large Acoustic Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn* » *25th October 2011*

Happy Halloween! The Anime and Manga Society are putting on Halloween themed showings this week ^^ Drop by to our first showing of the week, the Hellsing OVA's! XD Hope to see you all there!

Soul Eater Showing (Halloween week) » *IT250* » *27th October 2011*

Set in the Shinigami technical school for weapon meisters, the series revolves around 3 groups of each 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.

FLCL Showing » *Large Acoustic Room, Aras na mac leinn* » *8th November 2011*

Toradora Showing » *IT250* » *10th November 2011*

Showing Toradora form 7.30pm and manga discussion about soul eater volume 1 from 7 til 7.30

Showing - Dai Guard » *Large Acoustic Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn* » *17th January 2012*

Showing - Clannad » *Dillon Theatre, Concourse* » *19th January 2012*

Karaoke Night » *Large Acoustic Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn* » *24th January 2012*

Showing: My Neighbour Totoro » *Dillon Theatre* » *26th January 2012*

The Skull Man » *Large Acoustic Room* » *31st January 2012*

Movie night

Persona 4 » *Dillon Theatre* » *2nd February 2012* Movie night

The Girl who Leapt through Time » *Large Acoustic Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn* » *7th February 2012*

Rebuild of Evangelion » *Dillon Theatre* » *9th February 2012*

Anime Manga Take over the Art Room! » *the Art Room (Aras Na MacLeinn)* » *10th February 2012*

The are just going to try and find use for all that waste paper clogging up our rooms and our lives. To give it some brief purpose before we do away with it all.

The Set up: You can use what you want, build what you want with the materials you and others bring.

Japanese Food Taster Night » *Large Acoustic Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn* » *21st February 2012*

Showing- The Melancholy of Haruhi Suzumiya » *Dillon Theatre* » *23rd February 2012*

Showing - AnoHana » *Large Acoustic Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn* » *28th February 2012*

Showing - Naruto Arc » *Dillon Theatre* » *1st March 2012*

Showing- Trigun the Movie » *Large acoustic room, Aras na mac leinn* » *6th March 2012*

Anime Taster Night! » *Dillon Theatre* » *8th March 2012*

Committee 2011/2012

Vice-Auditor: Iosac Gallagher

Treasurer: Brian O'Brien

Con Director: Paul O'Connor

PRO: Leigh O'Mara

OCM1: Nicholas O'Connell

OCM3: Niall Finn

Auditor: Larkin Stephens

Secretary: Valerie McKay

Librarian: Michael Crampton

Webmaster: James Broderick

OCM2: Rowan Hynes

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Michael Crampton

Secretary: Leigh O'Mara

Vice-Auditor: Rowan Hynes

Webmaster: Niall Finn

Treasurer: David Sheerin

Librarian : Laura Wilkins

AkumaKon Con-Director : James Broderick

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income

Income Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	94.47
Bank Charge	€3.49
Members Contributions	€29.41
SocsBox Till	€1,570.00
Sponsorship	€300.00
USC Grant	€3,642.5
Total	€5857.5

Expenditure

Expenditure Category	Amount
Bank charge	€48.73
Dinner	€29.51
Entry fees	€750.00
Equipment misc	€263.57
Hoodies	€475.00
Non Alcoholic Refresh	€47.08
Prizes	€151.97
Reimbursed income/sales by society	€100.00
Reception	€140.98
Society accommodation	€930.00
Society transport	€493.00
SocsBox Till Refund	€36.50
Expenditure Total	€3466.03
Closing Bank Balance	€2,173.53
Total	€5857.5

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 372 members.

ALIVE Participation

<u>Michael Crampton</u>	Librarian	250 hours
<u>Niamh Blue Ni Ainli</u>	Member of convention staff	10 hours
<u>Valerie McKay</u>	Secretary	250 hours
<u>Rowan Hynes</u>	OCM	75 hours
<u>Nicholas O'Connell</u>	OCM	144 hours
# ALIVE Students:	5 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	729 hours	

Arch Soc

The Archaeology Society of NUIG has had a very fun filled and successful year in the 2011/12 academic year. We continued to build on our growing membership numbers from the past few years. Encouraging staff and students from all disciplines to join and get involved in their local, national and international heritage through numerous guest lectures, day trips and international trips.

One very successful aspect this year for the society was an outreach to the general public and alumni of the university.

Working together with the local Galway Historical and Archaeology society, interested members of the public were invited to our guest lectures.

We also received great interest from past students and members to attend lectures and trips.

As well as promoting an interest in Archaeological matters we also held our annual charity coffee morning which was very successful and was a positive addition to the contribution the society continues to make to university and public life. The year was rounded off with a very enjoyable and educational trip of North Wales over the Easter break.

Arch Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 14 events.

Meet & Greet social » *College Bar (Back Room) » 27th September 2011*

A meet and greet with refreshments and finger food for new and existing members.

This informal gathering is designed to welcome new members to the society and to provide them with the opportunity to get to know existing and past members. The raffle for the Hoodie will also be held on this nite.

Guest Speaker Dr. Brian Lacey » *AC202 (on Concourse) » 4th October 2011*

NUIG Archaeology Society will be hosting its first Guest Lecture tomorrow Tuesday 4th from c. 7-8pm in AC202 on the Main Concourse. Dr. Brian Lacey is CEO of the Discovery Programme. The Discovery Programme (DP) is a public institution for advanced research in Irish Archaeology. Dr. Lacey's topic for discussion is: 'The archaeology of the Early Medieval kingdoms of Donegal'. Everyone is welcome.

Guest Speaker Prof. Charlotte Damm » *AC202 (on Concourse) » 18th October 2011*

'The Stone Age of Northern Fennoscandia - features and research questions'

By Prof. Charlotte Damm

Prof. Damm is the recently appointed Professor of Archaeology at the School of Geography and Archaeology, NUI Galway.

William Marshal's Kilkenny Castle » *AC 202 » 15th November 2011*

Mr Ben Murtagh will be giving the Archaeology Society a talk on William Marshal's Kilkenny Castle. A professional Archaeologist and Historian Mr Murtagh has years of experience in the commercial and private sector working on many projects of archaeological and historical interest. Director of the Kilkenny Castle excavation programme. All Welcome!

Prof. Terry Barry (TCD) 'Medieval Archaeology in Ireland: the New Frontier?' » *AC202 » 17th January 2012*

All welcome to join us for the first lecture of semester 2 given by Professor Terry Barry Trinity College Dublin.

The Lie of the Land: New Fieldwork on Late Medieval Settlement in the North of Ireland » *AC 202 » 31st January 2012*

2nd Guest Lecture this semester by Dr. Mark Gardiner from Queens University Belfast.

An interesting look at the archaeology of the Late Medieval in the North of Ireland.

King John's Castle and Poul nabrone Day Trip 2 » *Limerick and Clare » 4th February 2012*

Day tour to Limerick City taking in the castle of King John with a guided tour. Visiting one of the most iconic sites of the Burren in Co.Clare Poul nabrone on our return to Galway! All for 16 Euro, sign up at the Socsbox.

Charity Coffee Morning » *career seminar room » 14th February 2012*

Join us for a coffee and some cakes in aid of two worthy charities. There will be a small raffle and possible some Valentines Day themed cupcakes!! :)

Guest Lecture Dr James Lyttleton UCC » *AC202 » 21st February 2012*

'Cultivating a civil and genteel lifestyle: the manor house in seventeenth-century Ireland'

Guest Lecture Prof. Peter Woodman » *AC202 » 6th March 2012*

"The Irish Mesolithic: trying to think outside the box"

Wales Trip 2012 » *Wales » 3rd April – 6th April 2012 (4 individual events)*

2012 ArchSoc Trip to North Wales will take in 13 sites for e135 (inclusive of bus,ferry, accommodation,site entrance fees)

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Thomas O'Grady

Treasurer: Richard Gray

OCM: Sonya White

OCM: Siobhan Whyte

OCM: Elizabeth Gray

Secretary: Mary Gavaghan

PRO: Evelyn Egan

Vice-Auditor: Hanno Conring

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Elizabeth Gray

Treasurer: Richard Gray

Vice-Auditor: Evelyn Egan

Secretary: Hanno Conring

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€507.84	Bank charge	€51.88
Fundraising	€320.33	Dinner	€493.20
Hoodies	€200.00	Entry fees	€141.75
Members Contributions	€605.84	Gifts	€185.00
SocsBox Till	€4,748.00	Hire Bus	€3,860.00
Ticket Sales	€61.00	Hoodies	€552.00
USC Grant	€5,500.00	Reception	€710.31
Total	€11,943.01	Society accommodation	€1,740.93
		Society transport	€320.00
		SocsBox Till Refund	€66.00
		Speaker accommodation	€1,557.74
		Speaker travel	€422.40
		Expenditure Total	€10,101.21
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,841.80
		Total	€11,943.01

Other Information

We held 16 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 329 members.

ALIVE

Mary Gavaghan	Secretary	88 hours
Sonya White	Organiser and Finance assistant	75 hours
Evelyn Egan	PRO	25 hours
Siobhan Whyte	OCM	10 hours
Richard Gray	Treasurer	200 hours
Thomas O'Grady	Auditor	54 hours
Hanno Conring	Vice Auditor	100 hours
# ALIVE Students:	7 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	552 hours	

Art Soc

The Art Society have held numerous events throughout the year, for experienced artists and newcomers alike. We successfully worked both independently and in classes with our teachers. Regular attendance numbers were high at the classes. The classes included still life, life model drawing, clay modelling, poster designing and caricature drawing. We also held weekly comic book drawing classes in association with Comic Soc. Our main event of the year was the exhibition which was held in February, entitled 'Derelict'. This was a huge success, with a portion of the proceeds of sold artwork being donated to the Simon Community of Galway. Art Soc is a place where everyone is welcome, and creativity encouraged. In December 20 of our members went on a trip to Amsterdam to visit the Art Galleries.

Art Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 73 events.

The Breakfast Club » *The Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 21st March – 24th March 2012 (4 individual events)

The Breakfast Club invites YOU!!!!

Art Classes » *Art Room* » 18th October – 15th May 2012 (31 individual events)

Our weekly art class! Changes every couple of weeks so make sure to check out the emails we send out

Comic book drawing Classes » *Art Room* » 19th October – 16th May 2012 (31 individual events)

Working towards our annual publication, Lunatic Fringe! All welcome

Amsterdam Trip » *Tickets on Sale in the Socsbox*

Sign up for our trip to Amstrerdam in December

Derelict Exhibition » *Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer* » 6th February – 9th February 2012 (4 individual events)

Open all week, come see the paintings and canvases, the disturbing bicycle sculptures, the interactive installations, the performance art and the general mayhem.

Muscailt Exhibition "Derelict" Opening » *Aras Na Mac Leinn, Foyer* » 6th February 2012

Open All week: Guest artist Sinead Aldridge will open the exhibitions "Derelict" and "Focus2012". Events, live music and reception. Artsoc's "Derelict" features drawings, paintings, textiles and sculpture. "Derelict" is a concept taken from the satirical comedy film Zoolander. This year's theme is inspired historically by Dadaism. Atrium of Aras na Mac Leinn. Open Mon - Fri 8am-midnight

Committee 2011/2012

Deputy PRO: Adele O'Mahony

Wise old women : Grainne Greaney

Vice-Auditor: Lisa Clogher

Lunatic Fringe Editor: Leigh Ashmore

OCM: Ken Duggan

OCM: Lee Monaghan

PRO: George Kaar

Auditor: Robert Alfis

Secretary: Sian Murray

Travel Officer: Eszter Kobory

Mistress at Arms: Marina Sokolovskaya

Producer of Breakfast Club: Cliona Ni Shiurdain

Treasurer: Frances Dennehy

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Grace English

Vice-Auditor: Emily Doyle

Wise Old Man: Robert Alfis

Secretary: Leigh Ashmore

Treasurer: Seagh MacSiurdain

Master of Arms: Declan Gardiner

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	453.09	Bank charge	€81.37
Bank Charge	€8.37	Dinner	€34.00
Members Contributions	€817.00	Equipment misc	€797.00

SocsBox Till	€2,744.00	Hoodies	€280.00
Ticket Sales	€78.00	Materials	€1,371.40
USC Grant	€11,797.73	Promotions	€170.00
		Set	€460.00
		Society accommodation	€1,651.50
		Society transport	€4,435.00
		Teacher fees	€4,470.00
		Expenditure Total	€13,750.27
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,147.92
Total	€15,898.19	Total	€15,898.19

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 424 members.

ALIVE Participation

<u>Sian Murray</u>	Secretary	84 hours
<u>Shaun Leonard</u>	Member	5 hours
<u>Lisa Clogher</u>	Vice Auditor	350 hours
<u>Marina Sokolovskaya</u>	Mistress at arms	20 hours
<u>Grainne Greaney</u>	Wise Old Woman	100 hours
<u>George Kaar</u>	PRO	80 hours
<u>Robert Alfis</u>	Auditor	350 hours
<u>Lee Monaghan</u>	OCM	35 hours
# ALIVE Students:	8 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	1024 hours	

Ashirbad (new society)

Ashirbad Society in its first year reached all its intended goals. A small committee was elected as expected and fundraising and recruitment goals were reached. In first semester we had two information evenings which included talks from five past volunteers over the two meetings and a meet-and-greet session after with pizza and refreshments. Interviews were held in January with a selection panel of three past volunteers, one of which spent a year in Kalimpong, over ten years ago. Held a fundraiser style Indian lunch in Aras na Mac Leinn. An open-mic fundraiser in The Cellar. One of the selected volunteers organised a raffle in her home town, under the societys name and raised over €1500 for the children. A team of four Ashirbad volunteers went to India to volunteer for 8 weeks from June. The fundraising annual goal of €6500 was reached. All in all a successful year was had for Ashirbad considering it was a new society. Eva Marie Costello, our auditor, won the NUI Galway Society Bursday for Volunteering worth 1000 euro.

Ashirbad Events

This year the society held a total of 5 event.

Ashirbad Meet & Greet » *Back room of the Chapel* » 11th October 2011

A chance to meet everyone and give information about volunteering in India during the summer. We are also having our A.G.M.

Ashirbad Meet & Greet » *Back room of the Chapel* » 18th October 2011

A chance to meet everyone and give information about volunteering in India during the summer.

Interviews » *January 2012*

Interviews will be held to choose Volunteers for travelling to India.

Indian Lunch for Ashirbad » *Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer* » February 2012

Buy a delicious Indian lunch and support our work in india.

Open Mic fundraiser Ashirbad » *Cellar Bar* » February 2012

Come along and perform. All proceeds will go to our work in India.

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Eva-marie Costello

Vice-Auditor: Donal Duffy

Treasurer: Paul O'Mahony

Events Officer: Maria Bryan

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0.00	Bank charge	€7.90
Fundraising	€7,409.77	Fundraising/charity	€7,009.53
Sponsorship	€609.76	Materials	€270.00
USC Grant	€1,500.00	Prizes	€1,000.00
		Expenditure Total	€8,287.43
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,232.10
Total	€9,519.53	Total	€9,519.53

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 132 members.

ALIVE

<u>Megan Lohan</u>	Selected Summer Volunteer	50 hours
<u>Donal Duffy</u>	Vice Auditor	475 hours
<u>Eva-marie Costello</u>	Auditor and Volunteer	600 hours
<u>Maria Bryan</u>	Event Coordinator	20 hours
<u>Daniel Stewart</u>	Volunteer	20 hours
<u>Paul O'Mahony</u>	Treasurer	50 hours
<u>Declan Proctor</u>	Volunteer	20 hours
<u>Ailish Brennan</u>	Volunteer/Fundraiser	20 hours
# ALIVE Students:	8 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	1255 hours	

BaCon Soc

BA Connect Soc, or BACon Soc as we are known, are a collaborative creative society, eager to take on any project should it contribute to college or student life. We like to further ourselves and learn through our work in the subject fields. While last year we focused on the Video project, BACon Bites, along with running side projects throughout the year including rockapella workshops, helping in the ComicSoc Comic and Zine fair and some others. This year we dressed up as Ninjas and played Ninja while eating Ninja pie and drinking Ninja water.

BaCon Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 2 events.

BACon Soc EGM » *The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 27th September 2011

Hey guys, BACon soc are having their EGM today so if you want to be in any way involved with the society please do pop down. It's guaranteed to be a lot of fun. Maybe we will even through in a game or two of ninja :)

Ninja Tournament » *Meeting Room 1 & 2* » 6th October 2011

Ninja Tournament - Dress up as a Ninja and play Ninja! While eating ninja pie and drinking ninja water! See you there!

Committee 2011/2012

Treasurer: Eilish McCarthy

Secretary: Conor Burke

Auditor: Jason Browne

PRO: Emily Murray

Events Officer: Conor Hooper

Society Liason: Shaun Leonard

OCM: Claudia O'Sullivan

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€202.61	Bank charge	€9.43
USC Grant	€500.00	Expenditure Total	€9.43
Total	€702.61	Closing Bank Balance	€693.18
		Total	€702.61

Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 228 members.

Bahai Society

This year twice as many people signed up to the society. We held weekly devotional meetings where people from all faiths came together to share readings from various world religions. The Baha'i society was also invited to the Franciscan Abbey where there was a multi-faith devotional for peace where representatives from several religions attended.

Bahai Events

This year the society held a total of 12 events.

Devotional Meeting » *Art Room - Aras na Mac Leinn* » 22nd September 2011

A relaxed and informal meeting starting and finishing with music where people can come together to share and reflect on readings, prayers, poems or whatever else is special to them. Open to all

Devotional Meeting » *Small Accoustic Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn* » 28th September 2011

Devotional Meeting and AGM » *AC 202 Concourse* » 5th October 2011

The devotional meetings are informal gatherings where people can share prayers or writings from various world religions, quotes and writings from various philosophical thinkers and authors, poems, or anything at all they'd wish to share. It'll start and end with music to allow people the chance to reflect, and then there'll be some light refreshments and a chance to talk about topics and concepts we don't normally get a chance to discuss.

The theme for this week's devotional is 'The Nobility of Man'. So if you'd like to bring along something to share that's along those lines that'd be great, there'll be some writings from various world religions there as well if you'd prefer and of course you can just listen to others. It's open to all so please feel free to bring along your friends.

After the devotional we'll be having our AGM so you can stick around for that if you'd like.

Devotional Meeting » *Small Acoustic Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn* » 13th October 2011

This week's theme is 'Peace'.

Devotional Meeting » *Small Acoustic Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn* » 20th October 2011

The theme for this week's devotional is 'The Meaning of Prayer'.

Interfaith Devotional for Peace » *The Abbey Church on St. Francis Street. (near the Courthouse)* » 27th October 2011

This week, instead of our normal devotional meetings in college we have been invited to an interfaith gathering in the Franciscan Abbey. It would be really nice if you could all make it. The theme is peace.

Devotional Meeting » *Wellness Centre - behind the Hub in Aras na Mac Leinn* » 3rd November 2011

Devotional Meeting » *Wellness Room (at the back of the Hub)* » 10th November – 8th December 2011 (5 individual events)

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Cillian McNamara

Secretary: George Rahmani

Treasurer: Lua Rahmani

Vice-Auditor: Sahar Rahmani

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Cillian McNamara

Vice-Auditor: Sahar Rahmani

Secretary: George Rahmani

Treasurer: Lua Rahmani

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€7.10	Bank charge	€6.88
USC Grant	€200.00	Expenditure Total	€6.88
Total	€207.10	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€200.22
		Total	€207.10

Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 86 members.

ALIVE Participation

<u>Lua Rahmani</u>	Treasurer	97 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	97 hours	

Best Buddies

This was our 3rd year as a society in NUIG. We had another great year, with the most amount of matches made yet. A total of 46 students received Garda clearance, client confidentiality training and began volunteering with Ability West. More were part of the society which added to awareness and others were part of the committee. We had a number of information evenings, training events, and welcome and matching parties. As usual, the events with the buddies from Ability West went extremely well, with dancing and chatting going on until late. We had a table-quiz to raise funds for our ball. The final and biggest event was our Best Buddies Ball, held on the 11th May 2012 in the Menlo Park Hotel. We enjoyed dinner, a few excellent pairs received awards, and we danced until 1.30am! The ball is always a fantastic and inspiring night.

Best Buddies Events

This year the society held a total of 8 events.

Best Buddies Information Session » AC203 » 4th October 2011 : Info on Best Buddies programme

Best buddies training » AC 215 concourse » 22nd November 2011

You must complete client confidentiality training in order to be matched with a buddy

Best buddies Welcome party » The Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn » 29th November 2011

Our first party with students and buddies from Ability West - come meet everyone and have some pizza, play games and dance!

Best Buddies Matching Party » Harbour House Hotel » 31st January 2012

At last we are matching our college students with their buddies, for a night of games, dancing and food...lots of fun to be had! Please note: this is only for students already involved, it is not an open event...garda clearance and registration mandatory

Best Buddies Committee Meeting » The Hub » 13th February 2012: Best Buddies committee meeting! Hope to see you there.

Best Buddies Group Event » Leisureworld, Galway Shopping Centre » 12th March 2012

Best Buddies Group Event - for trained members and committee members only! See you there!!

Best Buddies AGM » Large acoustic room » 29th March 2012 We will electing next years committee and planning more fundraising.

Best Buddies Ball » Menlo Park Hotel Centre » 11th May 2012 Tickets on sale from the SocsBox!!

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Siun O'Rourke

Minister for Events: Josephine McGrath

OCM: Liam Sutherland

PRO: Eibhlin Sharkey

Treasurer: Conor Keville

OCM: Evelyn Fennelly

Secretary: Siobhan Hanley

Vice-Auditor: Alice Deane

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Alice Deane

Secretary: Siobhan Hanley

Vice-Auditor: Amy Rossiter

Treasurer: Sean Kearns

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income

Opening Bank Balance	898.28
SocsBox Till	€500.00
USC Grant	€500.00
Total	€1,898.28

Expenditure

Ball	€695.00
Bank charge	€45.09
Entertainment	€100.00
Fundraising/charity	€500.00
Materials	€102.50
Non Alcoholic Refresh	€184.66
Prizes	€89.00
Stationary	€5.37
Expenditure Total	€1,721.62
Closing Bank Balance	€176.66
Total	€1,898.28

Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 246 members.

ALIVE Participation

<u>Evelyn Fennelly</u>	Buddy	15 hours
<u>Alice Deane</u>	Buddy and Vice Auditor	48 hours
<u>Siobhan Hanley</u>	Secretary	10 hours
<u>Mark Corcoran</u>	Best Buddy Volunteer	20 hours
<u>Siun O'Rourke</u>	Auditor	50 hours
<u>Lorraine Keane</u>	Volunteer	25 hours
<u>Josephine McGrath</u>	Events Coordinator	25 hours
<u>Claire Conway</u>	Befriending	40 hours
<u>Conor Keville</u>	Treasurer	20 hours
<u>Helen Keane</u>	Volunteer	27 hours

ALIVE Students: 10 student
Hours Volunteered: 280 hours

Biomedical Science

This year marked Biomedical Science Societies first year. This year the committee aimed to get people interested in the society. This was achieved by having welcome parties in Busker Browns. This allowed people from many different years interested in science to meet each other and get to know one another.

We also aimed to give students an insight into life after Science by organising talks on different research taking place both in NUIG and also other parts of Ireland. We had two talks, the first from Dr Kay Nolan from UCD on her research in genetics. The second from a member of our own society on careers and current research done by graduates from Biomedical Science.

One of our biggest events of the year was our Organ Donation awareness day. Following the death of a second year Biomedical Student who donated his organs, we decided to organise an event in memory of him. This event aimed to make students all over campus aware of organ donation. This event was in collaboration with the Irish Kidney Association. We handed out over 950 organ donar cards and raised nearly 400 euro for Irish Kidney Association.

Biomedical Science Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

Welcome Party » *Busker Brownes* » *October 2011*

Dr Kay Nolan from UCD on her research in genetics

Guest Speaker » *Arts Science Building*»

Talk on careers and current research with graduates.

Guest Speaker » *Arts Science Building* »

Biomedical Science Soc is proud to announce our first event! We'll be going to Busker Browne's on the night of the 19th of October, to get to know everyone and hear any suggestions for future plans. ALL WELCOME

ORGAN DONATION AWARENESS DAY » *Smokies Cafe on Concourse and Foyer Aras na Mac Leinn* » *8th February 2012*

The event is in association with the Irish Kidney Association Inspired by Andrew Dolan.

Anyone who has ever been interested in signing up as an Organ Donor, or even just wishes to learn more about the possibility of becoming one, please visit one of two stands that will be set up in the college:

-Smokies Cafe - on concourse -Aras na mac Leinn - building beside the college bar

Organ Donor cards will be available on the day. You can sign up instantly! Volunteers will be dispersed around campus, feel free to ask them any questions!

Bands will also be available on the day In Loving Memory of Andrew Dolan for just e1 each. All proceeds to be donated to the Irish Kidney Association.

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Kiah McCabe

Treasurer: Paul O'Mahony

Public Relations Officer: Seamus Walsh

2nd Year Rep : Laura Piggott

Vice-Auditor: Therese Kelly

Secretary: Conor Hennessy

1st Year Rep : Ryan McCarthy

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Kiah McCabe

Secretary: Caoimhin O'Higgins

PRO: Ryan McCarthy

Speakers Convenor : Rachel Murray

Event Manager 2: Roisin Reid

Vice-Auditor: Laura Piggott

Treasurer: Jamie McGettigan

PRO Assistant : Sanna Khalid

Event Manager : Emma Donnellan

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income

Income Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0.00
Fundraising	€389.50
Total	€389.50

Expenditure

Expenditure Category	Amount
Bank charge	€37.24
Expenditure Total	€37.24
Closing Bank Balance	€352.26
Total	€389.50

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 210 members.

ALIVE Participants

<u>Laura Piggott</u>	Second Year Rep and Event Organiser	25 hours
<u>Therese Kelly</u>	Vice Auditor	20 hours
<u>Paul O'Mahony</u>	Treasurer	50 hours
# ALIVE Students:	3 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	95 hours	

Botany Soc

This year, the botany society has been prolific in organising events. Our guest lecture series has been our main event from week to week, featuring many academic speakers as well several those with practical experience or interesting botanical tales! We have tried to have regard for the interests of our members when organising events, the result being several practical workshops and excursions, such as the Clonbur Mushroom Foray.

Botany Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 13 events.

Showing of "The Private Life of Plants" » *Kirwan Theatre » 28th September 2011*

Narrated by David Attenborough, "The Private Life of Plants" uses amazing time-lapse photography to explore the world of plants. And it's free! See you there.

Talk with Louis Smith » *Aras de Brun, Mairin de Valera Seminar Room C315 » 6th October 2011*

Talk with Louis catering lecturer of GMT and wild mushroom enthusiast.

Mushroom Foray » *Clonbur » 9th October 2011*

A guided mushroom foray with renowned expert Louis Smith! Don't miss it!

Seminar by Michael O'Connell - "Long-term environmental change in Western Ireland" » *Mairin de Valera Seminar Room C315, Aras de Brun » 10th November 2011*

A talk by the esteemed Prof. Michael O'Connell upstairs in Aras de Brun (SUMS building). Refreshments afterward. Don't miss it!

Lower Plants Weekend! » *Carron Field Station, the Burren » 11th November – 13th November 2011 (3 individual events)*

Friday - Drive to Carron

Saturday - Bryophyte field and lab identification course with Rory Hodd as well as grass id with Caroline Sullivan.

Saturday Night - Trip to the local pub.

Sunday - Lichen identification with Niall Higgins.

Sunday evening - Back to Galway!

The highs and lows of being green (and photosynthetic) in Tanzania » *Mairin de Valera Seminar room (C315) in Aras de Brun » 17th November 2011*

Another great speaker in the BotSoc lecture series! A talk by plant scientist Dr Zoe Popper. The highs and lows of being green (and photosynthetic) in Tanzania. Refreshments provided. See you there.

Talk by Karen Bacon » *Seminar Room Aras de Brun » 19th January 2012*

Talk about paleobotany

Seminar with Liam Dolan: Plants: Past, Present, Future » *Aras de Brun, 3rd floor, Room C315 » 7th February 2012*

Liam Dolan is a professor of botany at Oxford University and is going to give a seminar on the past present and potential future uses of plants.

Tom Hart Dyke Talk » *Arts Millennium Theatre AM150 » 16th February 2012*

Tom Hart Dyke first shot to international fame in 2000 when he was kidnapped by FARC guerillas in the Panamanian jungle while hunting for rare orchids. After narrowly escaping execution, Tom wrote the bestseller 'The Cloud Garden' about the events of his capture. He now spends his time creating the dream garden that he conceived while waiting to be killed by his kidnappers. His 'World Garden of Plants' contains over 10,000 plants from around the world. This is a rare opportunity hear a world-renowned and truly fascinating man speak right here at NUIG.

Seminar with Alison Smith » *Mairin de Valera Seminar Room C315, in Aras de Brun. » 23rd February 2012* Don't miss Alison Smith from Cambridge University who has graciously agreed to come and give a talk:

"Algal-bacterial symbiosis - how studying vitamin metabolism might be good for algal bioenergy production"

BotSoc Seminar - Matthijs Schouten » *AC204, on the concourse » 16th March 2012*

Prof. Matthijs Schouten will give a seminar on Conservation and Restoration of Raised Bogs.

Matthijs is a gifted speaker and teacher, who has studied biology, philosophy and literature, all of these strands being heavily interwoven in his outlook on nature conservation. Matthijs has published books and papers on many subjects including the relationship between humans and nature, botanical diversity in coastal ecosystems, photosynthesis and soil respiration, soil systems in Irish bogs, systems of management and control in nature conservation, competition and ecology in raised bogs. He set up the Dutch Foundation for the Conservation of Irish Bogs.

Committee 2011/2012

Vice-Auditor: Graeme Dean

postgrad rep: Caitriona Maher

postgrad rep: Anna Pielach

Auditor: Eamonn O'Sullivan

Travel Officer: Phoebe O'Brien

Treasurer: John Carey

Secretary: Henrietta Sanders

PRO: Hannah Mulcahy

OCM: Paul Lyons

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€2,506.66	Bank charge	€265.84
Bank Charge	€309.55	Dinner	€434.40
SocsBox Till	€260.00	Gifts	€62.00
USC Grant	€3,500.00	Materials	€15.00
Total	€6,576.21	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€10.37
		Reception	€452.54
		Society accommodation	€130.00
		Society transport	€2,110.00
		SocsBox Till Refund	€15.00
		Speaker travel	€1,039.57
		Teacher fees	€650.00
		Expenditure Total	€5,184.72
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,391.49
		Total	€6,576.21

Other Information

We held 16 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 227 members.

Business Society

The 2011/2012 academic year can be described only as a huge success for the NUI Galway Business Society. This year we increased our membership numbers, increased our profit from a four figure to a five figure sum and most importantly held loads of brilliant events. At BizSoc we strive to hold both academic related events along side social events allowing students in NUIG to meet each other in a fantastic environment, this year our events included the apprentice, Commerce ball, guest speaker series including Bill Cullen and many more. The society is in the best place it has been in years, we won Best Society, Best On-line Presence and Best Large Publication (business review) at the NUIG Society Awards. Our hopes are high that we can be even bigger and better next year!

Business Society Events

This year the society held a total of 73 events.

BizSoc Sign Up, 2011/2012 » *Aras na Mac Leinn* » 15th September 2011

Come along, meet the BizSoc gang, enjoy free Milky Way bars, love heart sweets and loads of free stuff from our corporate sponsor KPMG! Also get your BizCard Discounts & Events Card!

Apprentice Teams Meeting » *College* » 28th September 2011

Meeting for anyone participating or interested in entering in the NUI Galway BizSoc Apprentice, this is a meeting explaining all the rules and the distribution of tickets.

First Year Commerce Party » *College bar then onto CP's* » 3rd October – 4th October 2011 (2 individual events)

Commerce 1st year students (any discipline, international, BIS etc), class party on Monday 3rd of October in the college bar. There will be lots of food and a complementary refreshment for anyone over 18 with an ID.

Mystery Tour Tickets on Sale on Monday » *Socsbox* » 3rd October 2011

Tickets on sale at 10am for 14 euro at the Socsbox for Galway first Mystery tour of the Year. BizSoc are proud to present our biggest ever mystery trip ever!!!

Leaving the carpark outside the Cairnes Building (North Campus) on Thursday the 6th October at 7pm. NB: BizCard and NUI Galway College ID required when purchasing ticket and all must sign and adhere to the university's health and safety policy for society trips away, since each person must sign, tickets limited to one per person :)

Places will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Over 18's ID required. R.O.A.R

Business Society Committee » *Meeting Room 1 (upstairs in Aras Na Mac Leinn)* » 26th September – 28th November 2011 (10 individual events) Our weekly planning meeeting all welcome

NUI Galway BizSoc Mystery Tour! » *Who knows!!* » 6th October – 7th October 2011 (2 individual events)

BizSoc are proud to present our biggest ever mystery trip ever!!!

Leaving the carpark outside the Cairnes Building (North Campus) on Thursday the 6th October at 7pm.

Over 18s only, ID required. ROAR.

Tickets on sale from Monday October 3rd at 10am in the SocsBox. They'll be just ?14.

Take me Out » *Central Park Nightclub* » 11th October – 12th October 2011 (2 individual events)

The Cheesy dating game we all love is coming to Central Park Nightclub next Tuesday 11th October!

The first task in the NUIG Apprentice is to sell tickets to this event. Tickets are e5 available from contestants as well as a limited number of tickets also available at SocsBox. Great Value price of e5 includes entry to the event in CP's which will include after party starting at 11pm till 2! Limited number of tickets. Over 18s event, ID required. R.O.A.R

Suit-Up Day » *College Bar then onto CP's that night!* » 13th October – 14th October 2011 (2 individual events)

Join the annual International Suit-up day in NUIG in association with BizSoc, Law Soc and Music and Ents Soc. Wear a suit in aid of Chernobyl Charities during the day and visit college bar where we'll be auctioning off the SU at 8pm to raise money. Then move onto CP's where it's free in if you're wearing a suit, male and preferably female!

Firing of Apprentice Cadidates Round 1! » *Room 116 Cairnes Building* » 20th October 2011

Announcing the top 8 teams through to round 2 and briefing them on task 2. Commiserations to all teams who are out of the process!!

BizSoc Apprentice Task 2!! Final 8 teams! » *Various* » 21st October – 26th October 2011 (6 individual events)

Task 2 is upon us!! The remaining 8 Apprentice teams battle it out in a test of business acumen and marketing skills to create a brand new student venue concept in Galway city. Deadline for presentations to be sent : 6pm Wednesday. Good luck!

BizSoc Apprentice Finale » *IT250* » 15th November 2011

The final of the NUIG Apprentice is here with the remaining four teams left to battle it out for the grand prize of 1000 euro.

The Chicas, The Inbetweeners, Team Dynamo and Cruinneas all have to come up with a new product or service idea and pitch it to our esteemed judges like in Dragons Den. Our panel of judges include Breffny Morgan, former Apprentice contestant and Breda Fox, Head of Galway city and County Enterprise Board.

BizSoc International Tour Sign up » *In Description* » 22nd November – 26th November 2011 (5 individual events) The BizSoc are proud to bring you our International Tour that will be happening over the weekend 3rd-5th of February!

The International Tour is one of the highlights of the BizSoc calendar and we will be taking you to one of the five following destinations:

Budapest (Hungary), Talinn (Estonia), Riga (Latvia), The Aran Islands or Barcelona (Spain).

Play Pacman for Free to win prizes! » *Aras Na Mac Leinn (the foyer)* » 22nd November 2011

The BizGrind » *Cairnes Theatre* » 28th November 2011

BizSoc Committee Meeting » *Aras na Mac leinn* » 16th January – 23rd April 2012 (15 individual events)

Commerence Ball Tickets Go on Sale » *Aras na Mac Leinn* » 17th January 2012

Full ticket e60 and afters at e30

Facebook Event;

Commerce Ball Hunt » *Central Park* » 17th January – 18th January 2012 (2 individual events)

Find your date for the Commerce Ball with a... Lock and Key event in CP's next Tuesday night!

Every lad gets a Key and every girl gets a Lock on entry. Try to find your partner, get the key to fit to find your match. e2 entrance with the BizCard or e4 without.

Tickets for the Commerce Ball on sale @ 12pm in Aras na Mac Leinn on the same day, Tuesday 17th.

Full ticket e60, Afters ticket e30

The Biz Card is our society membership card. This can be purchased from the SocsBox for e2. It will also get you discounts in the following:

Commerce Ball » *Radisson Hotel* » 25th January – 26th January 2012 (2 individual events)

Biggest event in the West of Ireland with Rizzle Kicks playing. Enough said.

College Bar Day after Commerce Ball Party » *College bar* » 26th January 2012

DJ Bryno will be spinning the decks before we all head to CP's where it's free in with a commerce ball wristband!

Fantasy Stock Exchange » *Your computer* » 1st February – 29th February 2012 (5 individual events)

Like Fantasy football but for Stocks.

Our new game will allow students the experience the play the stock market and learn how to make lots of money. Free to enter and with a prize pool of ?300, it's sure to be a great experience for everyone.

The game will be active from Wednesday, the 1st of February onwards, we have attached all the details on the Facebook page.

BizSoc Dublin Trip » *Dublin » 20th February – 21st February 2012 (2 individual events)*

Committee trip to Dublin. Activities organised include meet and greet sessions with politicians as well as being in the audience of RTE current affairs show, The Frontline. Returning following day.

An evening with Bill Cullen - presented by BizSoc Executive Guest Speaker Series. » *O' Flaherty Theatre, located on Concourse » 21st February 2012*

BizSoc are very proud to invite you along to the first of semester two's Executive Guest Speaker Series. We will be welcoming Bill Cullen, of The Apprentice, to NUI Galway on next Tuesday, 21st February at 8pm. Entry is Free!

BizSoc Annual Charity Table Quiz & Business Review Official Launch » *The Imperial Hotel, Beside Supermacs in Eyre Square » 28th February 2012*

The Annual BizSoc Charity Table Quiz is back.

The quiz is always one of our most popular events and this year's will take place this Tuesday, 28th at 8pm at the Imperial Hotel (beside Supermacs, Eyre Square)

* The charity for this year is Foundation Nepal, a Galway-based charity dedicated to providing support services for those most in need, notably in schools and hospitals in Nepal. For more info visit <http://www.foundation-nepal.org/>

* The Official Launch of the sixth edition of our annual publication "The Business Review" will also be happening on the night.

* Entry is e20 per team of 4.

There are some fantastic prizes on offer for the top teams in addition to spot prizes for our raffle!

NUIG Energy Night » *Bailey Allen Hall » 6th March 2012*

The event will focus on how best Ireland can leverage its abundant innovative spirit, entrepreneurial vision and natural resources to secure a clean, affordable energy future and a sustainable economic recovery in an informative classes and panel discussions.

AGM Information night » *AC202 » 12th March 2012*

For anyone that wants to find out more about the possible positions in the BizSoc.

AGM » *O'Flaherty » 13th March 2012 at 8pm.*

We are also holding an information session for anyone with questions about the positions or needs more information on the BizSoc. It will be held in AC202 at 6pm on Monday.

Assasins » *All Around Campus » 20th March – 22nd March 2012 (3 individual events)*

Evade capture around campus and try to assassinate your target to get the most kills and claim the title of NUI Galway's Assassin to win the big cash prize. Sign up has now closed but be careful....

BizSoc Volunteering Day » *On Campus » 22nd March 2012*

The BizSoc committee will be painting a wall beside the KingFisher with the Westside Project as we aim to brighten up the college and the young teenagers in a community.

Committee 2011/2012

Treasurer: Conor Mulloy

Auditor: Paul Curley

Secretary: Andrew Larrigan

2nd Year Rep: Siobhan Allaeddini

Management Consultant: Fergus Molloy

Speakers Convenor: Shane Reilly

IT Officer: Ronan Mulloy

OCM: Sam Murphy-Kerry

OCM: Grainne Connolly

1st Year Rep: Emmett Kerrigan

Sponsorship Officer: Dean McCole

2nd Year Head Rep: Aoife Gavin

Final Year Rep: Brian Mannion

Final Year Rep: Tara Fahy

Vice-Auditor: Kealinn Ross

OCM: Erika Fox

Public Relations Officer: Oisín Kirrane

Logistics Officer: Michael Slevin

Artistic Officer: Anna Broderick

2nd Year Rep: Amy Gaynor

Education Officer: Roisin Murphy

OCM: Caoimhe Folan

PR Team: Patrick Hogan

PR Team: Eoin Brosnan

Major / Poster Extrordinaire: Robin Allen

Final Year Rep: Nakita McCool

2nd Year Rep: Catherine Breslin

Committee 2012/2013

Graphic Designer : Kevin Kennedy

Logistics Officer : Ronan Mulloy

Vice-Auditor: Caoimhe Folan

Secretary: Catherine Breslin

Business Review Editor: Siobhan Allaeddini

Speakers Conveyor : Declan Higgins

Auditor: Shane Reilly

Treasurer: Andrew Larrigan

PRO: Stephen Duff

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income

Income Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,827.28
Fundraising	€13,173.00
Hoodies	€60.00
Members Contributions	€2,617.00
SocsBox Till	€5,224.00
Sponsorship	€9,600.00
Ticket Sales	€49,690.50
USC Grant	€5292.25

Expenditure

Expenditure Category	Amount
Ball	€18,655.82
Bank charge	€269.25
Costumes	€1,196.50
Dinner	€2,397.90
Entertainment	€17,459.00
Entry fees	€24.00
Fundraising/charity	€14,580.00
Gifts	€25.00
Hire Bus	€2,250.00
Hoodies	€664.70
Materials	€4,475.01
Printing	€2,045.50
Prizes	€1,827.20
Promotions	€306.00
Reception	€127.00
Security	€1,315.00
Society transport	€5,611.25
SocsBox Till Refund	€10.00
Socs day expenses	€290.00
Speaker accommodation	€86.00
Stationary	€10.00
Teacher fees	€500.00
Expenditure Total	€74125.13
Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
Closing Bank Balance	€13,358.90
Total	€87434.03

Total €87434.03

Other Information

We held 21 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 2334 members.

ALIVE Participation

<u>Kealinn Ross</u>	Vice Auditor	800 hours
<u>Michael Slevin</u>	Logistics Officer	600 hours
<u>Roisin Murphy</u>	Academic and Careers Officer	40 hours
<u>Nakita McCool</u>	Final Year Rep	72 hours
<u>Siobhan Allaeddini</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	80 hours
<u>Aoife Gavin</u>	Committee member, 2nd year head rep.	150 hours
<u>Dean McCole</u>	committee member.helping out with events,societies day etc	250 hours
<u>Catherine Breslin</u>	Second Year Representative	162 hours

<u>Sam Murphy-Kerry</u>	PR Team	254 hours
<u>Erika Fox</u>	OCM -Ordinary Committee Member	190 hours
<u>Caoimhe Folan</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	280 hours
<u>Fergus Molloy</u>	Strategic Advisor	425 hours
<u>Robin Allen</u>	Poster Monkey	50 hours
<u>Amy Gaynor</u>	2nd year Rep	150 hours
<u>Andrew Larrigan</u>	General secretary	450 hours
<u>Oisin Kirrane</u>	PRO	315 hours
<u>Shane Reilly</u>	Speakers Convener	600 hours
<u>Paul Curley</u>	Auditor	800 hours
# ALIVE Students:	18 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	5668 hours	

Camara Society

The Camara Galway society collects donations of used computers from private persons and from businesses in the city of Galway and its vicinity. The computers then get sent to developing countries in Africa, via the Camara Education non-profit in Dublin. The Camara society operates a hub on campus, which is used for receiving and storing donated computers. Once a month, the society has a "drop-off" day, where the hub is staffed from morning to evening. Individuals and companies can then drop-off donations of computers, monitors, keyboards and mice. Whenever the hub is full with donated computers, the computers get further processed by volunteers at GMIT Galway, and at Camara Education in Dublin.

There have been 12 drop-offs organised in the last year, one on each first Wednesday of the month. We have received 66 computers, 38 monitors, 27 printers and 18 laptops during the last year. In total, since its inception in 2010, the Camara Galway society has received 364 computers, 296 monitors, 59 printers and 37 laptops.

As the Camara Galway society has an arrangement with the university, it is possible for university departments to directly donate old computers to Camara Galway. Through this arrangement we have received around 110 computers. Big corporate donations include e.g. 16 computers from the Health Service Executive (HSE) West.

In addition, there have been regular social meetings of the society members, as well as participation at events of the university, such as the societies day, the green fair, and the first year students orientation event.

Camara Society Events

This year the society held a total of 21 events.

Welcome to Camara » *The Hub* » 27th September 2011

Welcome to all Camara members! Join us for a nice chat and biscuits at The Hub. Meet the volunteers and find out more about what Camara is and does. Also, register for the upcoming surfing trip.

Volunteering Fair 2011 » *aras na mac leinn* » 27th September 2011

Camara will have a stand at the Volunteering Fair! Come join us for the Year of Volunteering 2011.

Camara Surfing Trip » *Bundoran* » 4th November – 6th November 2011 (3 individual events)

Camara Christmas Party » *Galway Christmas Market* » 14th December 2011

We're having a Camara Christmas party next Wednesday (the 14th) and everyone is invited! We'll go check out (or visit again if you've already been there) the Galway Christmas market and enjoy some nice mulled wine and good food. Meeting point is the carousel at 7pm, but you can find us later around the market or in the "Oktoberfest" tent.

Camara Monthly Computer Drop-off » *Camara Hub, Distillery Rd.* » 11th January 2012

Camara Monthly Computer Drop-off » *Camara Hub, Distillery Rd.* » 1st February 2012

Happy 2nd Birthday Camara Galway! We've come a long way since we were set up in February 2010!

There will be home-made cake! Camara Computer Drop-off takes place on the first Wednesday of every month.

February meet-up - Happy 2nd birthday Camara! » *College bar* » 1st February 2012

For a well-earned refreshment after the 1st Feb drop-off: College Bar 6pm, Call the Camara mobile if you can't find us (087 413 9367)

Camara - Invited talk at Green Drinks » Kelly's Bar » 2nd February 2012

Camara Galway have been invited to speak at the next Green Drinks Galway at 8pm on Thursday 2nd February in Kelly's Bar, Bridge Street. The title of the talk is: Camara: Transforming Education through Technology

Green Week Talk: Camara, Transforming Education Through Technology » view in aras na mac leinn » 13th February 2012

Camara Computer Drop-off » Camara Hub, 18 Distillery Rd., NUI Galway » 7th March 2012

NUIG Failte Fest » Camara Hub, 18 Distillery Rd., NUI Galway » 11th September 2011

Camara society provides cookies, homemade lemonade and Wii games for the first year student orientation event.

Socs day » Aras Na Mac Leinn » 15th September 2011

Camara society participation at the NUIG Socs day.

Socs day » Aras Na Mac Leinn » 11th January 2012

Camara Computer Drop-off » Camara Hub, 18 Distillery Rd., NUI Galway » 7th September 2011

Camara Computer Drop-off » Camara Hub, 18 Distillery Rd., NUI Galway » 5th October 2011

Camara Computer Drop-off » Camara Hub, 18 Distillery Rd., NUI Galway » 2nd November 2011

Camara Computer Drop-off » Camara Hub, 18 Distillery Rd., NUI Galway » 7th December 2011

Camara Computer Drop-off » Camara Hub, 18 Distillery Rd., NUI Galway » 4th April 2012

Camara Computer Drop-off » Camara Hub, 18 Distillery Rd., NUI Galway » 2nd May 2012

Committee 2011/2012

Vice-Auditor: Wassim Derguech

Treasurer: Laura Dragan

Auditor: Deirdre Lee

Secretary: Benjamin Heitmann

PR Officer: Slawomir Grzonkowski

Event Officer: Giulio Cesare Solaroli

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Gabriela Vulcu

Vice-Auditor: Tobias Wunner

Treasurer: Laura Dragan

Secretary: Benjamin Heitmann

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€2,006.20	Bank charge	€6.40
Fundraising	€482.53	Phone	€10.00
Members Contributions	€900.00	Society accommodation	€690.00
USC Grant	€200.00	Society transport	€360.00
Total	€3,588.73	Socs day expenses	€72.53
		Expenditure Total	€1,138.93
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,449.80
		Total	€3,588.73

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 132 members.

ALIVE Participation

<u>Wassim Derguech</u>	Volunteer	20 hours
<u>Benjamin Heitmann</u>	Secretary	80 hours

ALIVE Students: 2 student

Hours Volunteered: 100 hours

Charades Soc

We were newly set up this year. We played charades. And some Scrabble.

Charades Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 1 event.

Charades Night » *Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer - under the stairs. » 5th March 2012*

Charades Society - we'll be running 3 different Charades games, classic charades, no hands charades and then acting out the film scene charades. Meet at 7 under the stairs near the hub for the warm-up!

Committee 2011/2012

Secretary: Fintan Hegarty

Treasurer: Ronan Gallagher

Auditor: Diarmaid De Burca

Vice-Auditor: Amanda Dameshghi

OCM: Laura McGrath

OCM: Padraic Creedon

No Financial Transactions

Other Information

We held 2 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 69 members.

ALIVE Participation

Ronan Gallagher	Treasurer	10 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	10 hours	

Chemistry Soc

In the 2011/12 academic year, the Chemistry Society has run a wide variety of events for both undergraduate and postgraduate students. The lecture series and seminars involved academics from a variety of chemical backgrounds and invoked ideas from both students and staff alike. People also got the opportunity to interact with the speakers at the reception after the events.

A number of social events were held which included a Halloween party, quizzes, a party for the 4th year chemistry students, an initiation party for incoming postgraduate students, a Christmas party and a weekend away.

Chemistry Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 22 events.

Prof. Hans-Joachim Gabius will give a seminar entitled: 'The Magic of the Sugar Code' » *Dillon Theatre » 15th September 2011*

Prof. Hans-Joachim Gabius from Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich will give a seminar entitled: 'The Magic of the Sugar Code'

Eli Lilly Postgraduate Symposium » *Dillon Lecture Theatre » 29th September 2011*

Eli Lilly Postgraduate Symposium. Followed by Tea/Coffee in the Chemistry Tearoom.

Prof. Hans Peter Wessel will give a seminar entitled: 'How to Find a New Drug. A MedChem View' » *Dillon Lecture Theatre » 4th October 2011*

Prof. Hans Peter Wessel from the University of Aveiro, Portugal will give a seminar entitled: 'How to Find a New Drug? A MedChem View'

Prof. Rebecca Braslau will give a seminar entitled: "Designed Nitroxides: Sensors and Use in the Preparation of Designed Materials" » *Dillon Lecture Theatre » 11th October 2011*

Prof. Rebecca Braslau from the University of California Santa Cruz, USA will give a talk on Tuesday, 11th October at 4pm in the Dillon Theatre entitled: "Designed Nitroxides: Sensors and Use in the Preparation of Designed Materials"

ChemSoc Fancy Dress Halloween Party » *College Bar » 27th October 2011*

ChemSoc Halloween Party at the College bar

Tickets available from the SocsBox from Thurs 20th October just 3 euro each which includes free refreshments and finger food and prizes on the night.

Dr. John McGinley will give a seminar entitled: Calix[4]arenes and Tetrazoles ? A Journey in Coordination Chemistry » Dillon Lecture Theatre » 27th October 2011

Dr. John McGinley from NUI Maynooth will give a talk on Thursday, 27th October at 4pm in the Dillon Theatre entitled: 'Calix[4]arenes and Tetrazoles - A Journey in Coordination Chemistry '.

Dr. Robert Baker will give a seminar entitled: 'It's Fun at the Bottom: Adventures in Actinide Chemistry' » Dillon Lecture Theatre » 17th November 2011

Dr. Robert Baker from Trinity College Dublin will give a seminar entitled: 'It's Fun at the Bottom: Adventures in Actinide Chemistry'

Prof. Trond Vidar Hansen from the University of Oslo, Norway will give a seminar in the Dillon Lecture Theatre. » Dillon Lecture Theatre » 17th November 2011

Prof. Trond Vidar Hansen from the University of Oslo, Norway will give a seminar in the Dillon Lecture Theatre.

Prof. Martin Hof will give a seminar entitled 'Hydration and mobility in membranes and enzymes characterized by fluorescence techniques' » Dillon Lecture Theatre » 8th December 2011

Prof. Martin Hof from the J. Heyrovsk? Institute of Physical Chemistry will give a talk on December 8th at 4 pm in the Dillon Theatre entitled:

'Hydration and mobility in membranes and enzymes characterized by fluorescence techniques'.

Prof. Miroslav Fojta from the Institute of Biophysics, Czech Republic will give a talk entitled: "DNA electrochemistry at mercury and carbon electrodes: effects of DNA structure" » Dillon Lecture Theatre » 26th January 2012

Prof. Miroslav Fojta from the Institute of Biophysics, Czech Republic will give a talk tomorrow January 26th at 4pm in the Dillon Theatre entitled: "DNA electrochemistry at mercury and carbon electrodes: effects of DNA structure"

Prof. Martin Wills from the University of Warwick will give a talk entitled: "From asymmetric hydrogenation to hydrogen generation" » Dillon Lecture Theatre » 2nd February 2012

Prof. Martin Wills from the University of Warwick will give a talk on Thursday February 2nd at 4pm in the Dillon Theatre entitled: "From asymmetric hydrogenation to hydrogen generation"

Dr. Niamh Nic Daeid from the University of Strathclyde will give a talk entitled: "Drugs, fires and other tales of forensic science" » Dillon Lecture Theatre » 9th February 2012

Dr. Niamh Nic Daeid from the University of Strathclyde will give a talk on Thursday February 9th at 4.45pm in the Dillon theatre entitled: "Drugs, fires and other tales of forensic science".

Prof. Michael J. Hynes from NUI Galway will give a seminar entitled 'REACH - an overview' » Dillon Theatre » 15th February 2012

Prof. Michael J. Hynes from NUI Galway will give a seminar entitled 'REACH - an overview' at 9am in the Dillon Lecture Theatre

Prof. Michael J. Hynes from NUI Galway will give a seminar entitled 'GMP Q7A for Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs)' » Dillon Theatre » 16th February 2012

Prof. Michael J. Hynes from NUI Galway will give a seminar entitled 'GMP Q7A for Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs)' at 9am in the Dillon Lecture Theatre

The BOC Gas Postgraduate Awards » Dillon Lecture Theatre » 21st February 2012

The BOC Gas Postgraduate Awards will be held on Tuesday February 21st at 4pm in the Dillon Lecture Theatre. Mr. Gerry Donovan, Managing Director, BOC Gases will attend. Michelle Hennigan and Padraig O'Connor will be giving a presentation on their research. Followed by Tea/Coffee in the chemistry tearoom.

ChemSoc annual Table Quiz in aid of the Irish Hospice Foundation, MS Galway and GSPCA » Corrib Room, College Bar » 23rd February 2012

Please join us for the annual An Cumann Ceimice Table Quiz in aid of the Irish Hospice Foundation, MS Galway and GSPCA on Thursday Feb. 23rd at 7.30pm in the Corrib Room, College Bar. E20 per table of 4. Raffle & prizes galore on the night!

Dr. Aiden Flanagan from Boston Scientific will give a seminar entitled 'Innovation in the Medical Device Industry' » Dillon Theatre » 23rd February 2012

Dr. Aiden Flanagan from Boston Scientific will give a seminar entitled: 'Innovation in the Medical Device Industry'.

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

CV Workshop (Postgrad Session) in association with Energy Night 2012 » Room Eng 2001, New Engineering Building » 27th February 2012

As part of NUI Galway Energy Night in conjunction with the Careers Development Centre in NUI Galway, the organisers of Energy night 2012 are running targeted CV preparation workshops for careers in the Energy Sector.

CV Workshop (Undergrad Session) in association with Energy Night 2012 » Room Eng 2001, New Engineering Building » 27th February 2012

As part of NUIG Energy Night in conjunction with the Careers Development Centre in NUI Galway, the organisers of Energy night 2012 are running targeted CV preparation workshops for careers in the Energy Sector.

NUIG Energy Night 2012 » Bailey Allen Hall » 6th March 2012

NUIG Energy Night 2012 Organised by Chemistry, Physics & Energy Socs.

Industry and Career Fair with Research Showcase from 2 - 5 p.m, Panel Discussion from 6 p.m

Symposium: 'From Alchemy to Chemistry' » Dillon Lecture Theatre » 13th April 2012

Programme:

14:15 Peter Forshaw, University of Amsterdam

15:00 John Perkins, Oxford Brookes University Chemistry in Revolution, 1760-1810

15:45 Coffee break

16:05 William Brock, University of Leicester

16:50 Discussion Session - The future of chemistry as a discipline

17:30 Wine reception and close of meeting

Mini Symposium featuring Prof. Tom Laue and Prof. Gary Pielak » Dillon Lecture Theatre » 28th May 2012

Mini Symposium featuring Prof. Tom Laue and Prof. Gary Pielak

Two seminars with a Tea/Coffee interval. Tea/Coffee provided in the chemistry tearoom. All Welcome.

Committee 2011/2012

Secretary: Mark Farrell

Auditor: Edel Houton

Committee 2012/2013

Vice-Auditor: Anthony McDonagh

Treasurer: Nora Crushell

Auditor: Ciara Kyne

PRO: Michael Gurry

Secretary: Louise Kerins

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,632.94	Bank charge	€47.62
Fundraising	€670.00	Dinner	€988.80
Members Contributions	€2,350.00	Entertainment	€1,592.40
SocsBox Till	€15.00	Equipment misc	€42.99
Sponsorship	€400.00	Gifts	€36.89
Ticket Sales	€438.00	Materials	€25.00
USC Grant	€3,500.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€619.01
Total	€9,005.94	Postage	€19.80
		Prizes	€88.00
		Reception	€103.30
		Society accommodation	€1,574.40
		Socs day expenses	€53.51
		Speaker accommodation	€320.60
		Speaker travel	€524.61
		Expenditure Total	€6,036.93
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,969.01
		Total	€9,005.94

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 271 members.

ALIVE Participation

<u>Padraig O'Connor</u>	Secretary	30 hours
<u>Edel Houton</u>	Auditor	200 hours
<u>Eamonn Joyce</u>	Kitchen Chemistry	10 hours
<u>Eoin Larkin</u>	Kitchen Chemistry team member	15 hours
<u>Michelle Hennigan</u>	Co-ordinator Kitchen Chemistry	120 hours
<u>Nadine McCleary</u>	PRO	60 hours
<u>Hannah Smith</u>	Vice Auditor	78 hours
# ALIVE Students:	7 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	513 hours	

Chess Soc

This year, we played chess. Every week without fail. Sometimes twice a week. We had a limerick competition, and a trip to Dublin. We had a picture competition and a day at the movies. We had a barbeque with giant chess and set a bin on fire. We played some Scrabble and cards too, for a little variety. We organised a simultaneous exhibition with Grandmaster Gawain Jones. We sent a few players to the Galway Chess Congress where they performed. We played underwater a number of times. We had some beginners' lessons. We hosted what was possibly the greatest table quiz this country has ever seen. We had a blitz competition. We published an award-winning newsletter with GoSoc. We found a replacement, of sorts, for the wonderful auditor who held the society together for three years. We sent a team to Cork to play in an intervarsity. We sent a number of players to regional blitz competitions throughout the year. We had pizza.

Chess Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 40 events.

Weekly Meeting » *Smokey's* » 7th September – 25th April 2012 (34 individual events)

We meet and play Chess. Equipment and witty conversation supplied.

Come along and discover for yourself whether Emer actually exists!

Underwater Chess » *Galway Bay Hotel* » 28th September 2011

Chess. Underwater. The clue is in the title. Bring togs, towel, and those stupid swimming caps.

Grandmaster Simultaneous Exhibition » *TBC* » 29th September 2011

Organised in conjunction with the Galway Chess Club, Grandmaster Gawain Jones will take on 25 opponents at once. If you've ever wanted to play against a Grandmaster, now's your chance! Email galwaychess@gmail.com to reserve a place.

Table Quiz » *College Bar* » 24th October 2011

Table quiz... with questions and stuff... In association with GoSoc.

Christmas Party and Competition » *Meeting Rooms 1 & 2* » 14th December 2011

Christmas Party; sweets, pizzas, mince pies etc. Competition: Knockout blitz competition - in the spirit of the season, half of all entrants will win prizes.

Underwater Chess » *Galway Bay Hotel* » 25th January 2012

In conjunction with Go Soc and Charades Soc, we shall be playing underwater. Even Emer's coming.

Human Chess » *In front of the library* » 29th March 2012

Human Chess: Pokemon versus Zombies. People dressed as Pokemon and Zombies playing as pieces in a no doubt confusing but hopefully enjoyable chess game...

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Megan McGuinness

Treasurer: Declan O'Loughlin

OCM: Diarmaid De Burca

OCM: Nicholas O'Connell

Vice-Auditor: Conall Hegarty

Secretary: Fintan Hegarty

Equipment Officer: Ciara Flannery

Vice-Secretary: Eoghan Page

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Fintan Hegarty

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income

Opening Bank Balance	127.19
Bank Charge	€0.04
USC Grant	€1,845.00
Total	€1,972.23

Expenditure

Affil/Mem fees	€675.00
Dinner	€50.00
Equipment misc	€400.00
Hall hire	€345.00
Prizes	€250.00
Teacher fees	€250.00
Expenditure Total	€1,970.00
Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
Closing Bank Balance	€2.23
Total	€1,972.23

Other Information

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

ALIVE Participants

<u>Declan O'Loughlin</u>	Treasurer	10 hours
<u>Ciara Flannery</u>	Equipment Officer	22 hours
<u>Nicholas O'Connell</u>	OCM	144 hours
# ALIVE Students:	3 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	176 hours	

Chinese Society

The Chinese Society was set up by a group of Chinese students hoping to spread and promote the Chinese culture and traditions to students of other ethnic groups in NUIG who are interested in learning more about it, as well as allow fellow Chinese students to come together and bond with each other. Through the various activities organized throughout the year, the Chinese Society hopes to let interested students be more aware of the Chinese ethnicity, its language, and the various traditions associated with it. Major traditional Chinese holidays such as the Lunar New Year and the Mid-Autumn Festival are celebrated throughout the year, often with elaborate Chinese dinners. The Chinese Society also organizes Karaoke Sessions, where its members come and have fun singing along together.

Chinese Society Events

This year the society held a total of 5 events.

Movie Night for ALL » *Dillon Theatre* » *3rd November 2011*

We are showing a famous Chinese movie called "Assembly" tonight at Dillon Theatre. Pizza will be served as well :) So come along and enjoy the night together!

Annual Chinese New Year Dinner » *The View in Aras Na Mac Leinn* » *27th January 2012*

Come join us for our annual Chinese New Year dinner celebration! Price per person for dinner is around e10 (TBC). Please RSVP ASAP if you are coming! :) Hope to see you there!

Karaoke » (3 events) *The View in Aras Na Mac Leinn* » regularly check your e-mails for details of upcoming sessions

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Mylene Lim

Vice-Auditor: Yexian Li

Treasurer: Christopher Wong

Public Relations Officer: Xiao Hu

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Guying Zhan

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€122.13	Bank charge	€8.96
USC Grant	€500.00	Dinner	€483.15
Total	€622.13	Expenditure Total	€492.11
		Closing Bank Balance	€130.02
		Total	€622.13

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 150 members.

ALIVE

<u>Mylene Lim</u>	Auditor	40 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	40 hours	

Choral Soc

Choral society has held over 12 events this year and over 30 rehearsals under our conductor Lily Mc Garry. We have increased our active membership and we have had a wide range of participants from across campus including postgraduates, international students and staff. We have widened our repertoire and created a new acapella group directed by Peter Mannion called Sing'n'tonics who won a society performance bursary.

We have raised the profile of the society both locally and nationally through our charity fundraisers and competing in national competitions. Our Conductor Lily McGarry won best individual at our Annual Society Awards and went on to win best individual in Ireland. She also received a society bursary to attend a summer course in conducting. Our choir was very successful at the Limerick Choral Festival where we won the Early Music Award and the Dr Patrick McCormack perpetual Trophy for Accapella and we came second in the Gregorian Chant Competition.

Choral Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 58 events.

First choralsoc rehearsal and meet/greet » *College chapel/college bar* » 20th September 2011

Come along for some singing, free pizza, and 10% discount card for Opus II!

Weekly rehearsal » *College Chapel* » 27th September 2011

Come along and sing with us! We always want more members!

Choralsoc EGM » *College Chapel* » 27th September 2011

Elections of vice auditor, health and safety officer, webmaster and ordinary committee members.

Mens Choir Introductory Rehearsal » *College Chapel* » 29th September 2011

Any men interested in improving their singing voice through getting instruction in a smaller group, do come along. Rehearsals are held under Peter Mannion, the choralsoc conductor in the mid-2000s.

A Cappella Choir introductory rehearsal » *College Chapel* » 6th October 2011

Turn up if you're interested in joining the ChoralSoc A Cappella Choir!!

ChoralSoc do campus for Mental Health Week » *Various* » *12th October 2011*

ChoralSoc hit the campus to show off the work we've done so far this year. Our aim is to promote how singing is good for your mental health - and since we're all happy campers I'm sure you'll see that that's true!

A Cappella Choir Rehearsal » *College Chapel* » *13th October – 2nd December 2011 (8 individual events)*

Music Week Inter-Society Showcase » *Bailey Allen Hall* » *17th November 2011*

Showcase of the music talent at nuig - a co-operation between Rocksoc, TradSoc, Orchestrasoc and ChoralSoc as part of Music Week. Free entry - come one come all!

ChoralSoc Carol Service » *College Chapel* » *11th December 2011*

The ChoralSoc will be holding a carol service after nine o'clock mass for an evening of music and fun. This interactive gathering brings members of the community together to sing and share the Christmas spirit. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Choral soc-first rehearsal » *College Chapel* » *10th January 2012*

It's our first rehearsal back after the holidays and we've loads planned for this semester. Both old and new members welcome. We'll be doing loads of new music. No previous choral singing experience required.

Weekly Rehearsal » *College Chapel* » *17th January 2012*

Choral soc extra rehearsal » *O'Flaherty Theatre, Concourse* » *30th January 2012*

Choral Soc extra rehearsal and a rehearsal with Orchestra and Trad socs.

Weekly Rehearsal » *College Chapel* » *21st February 2012*

As part of our normal rehearsal, Mark Keane is coming to do a workshop with us on Gregorian chant, to help us prepare for the competition in Limerick!

Trip to Limerick!! » *Limerick* » *2nd March – 4th March 2012 (3 individual events)*

Choral Soc goes on tour, to compete in the Limerick Choral Festival!

Weekly Rehearsal » *College Chapel* » *6th March 2012*

Weekly Rehearsal » *College Chapel* » *13th March 2012*

AGM and Weekly Rehearsal » *College Chapel* » *20th March 2012*

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting to elect a committee for next year, so come along, and volunteer for a position, nominate someone, and vote! Our usual rehearsal will also take place, at which we will be making final preparations for our concert on the 26th! :)

Brick By Brick - Charity Concert » *Bailey Allen Hall* » *26th March 2012*

Choral Soc is joining with Rock Soc and NUIG Orchestra to bring you a great night of music, with everything from 16th century music to Queen being performed! Tickets are only 4 euro for students and are available from the SocsBox and at the door. All proceeds go to Engineering for Humanity and Habitat for Humanity.

Socs Day » *Bailey Allen Hall* » *15th September 2011*

Visit the Choral Soc table to find out what we do and sign up for 2011/2012!

Weekly Rehearsal » *College Chapel* » *4th October 2011*

Weekly Rehearsal » *College Chapel* » *11th October 2011*

Weekly Rehearsal » *College Chapel* » *18th October 2011*

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

Weekly Rehearsal » *College Chapel* » *1st November 2011*

Weekly Rehearsal » *College Chapel* » *8th November 2011*

Weekly Rehearsal » *College Chapel* » *15th November 2011*

Weekly Rehearsal » *College Chapel* » *22nd November 2011*

This week we'll be recording ourselves for the Choirs for Christmas competition.

Weekly Rehearsal » *College Chapel* » *29th November 2011*

Carolling for SVP » *Friar's Restaurant* » *29th November 2011*

We're joining the St Vincent de Paul Society to help them out with Christmas carolling to raise money for a very worthy cause.

Alumni Christmas Gathering » *The Quad* » *16th December 2011*

A quick rehearsal in the Cube at 17:30, followed by our performance at the Alumni Christmas party in the Quad at 18:30.

Maroon and White Christmas Party » *Halo Nightclub* » *18th December 2011*

We're performing at this party which is being held in aid of the Alan Kerins Projects, Cro?, Enable Ireland and Galway Hospice. We'll also get free tickets to the rest of the event!

Med Ball » *Radisson Hotel* » *18th December 2011*

Performance at the Champagne Reception of the Med Ball

Weekly Rehearsal » *College Chapel* » *24th January 2012*

Sing 'n' Tonics » *College Chapel* » *2nd February – 16th February 2012 (3 individual events)* Rehearsal for the a capella choir

ChOrchestrad!! » *Aula Maxima* » 6th February 2012

Our joint concert with Tradsoc and Orchestra Soc, as part of Muscailt. Rehearsal at 6pm, and the concert starts at 8pm.

Weekly Rehearsal » *College Chapel* » 7th February 2012

Weekly Rehearsal » *Large Acoustic Room* » 14th February 2012

Sing 'n' Tonics » *College Chapel/The Cube* » 22nd February 2012

Performance for the Societies Bursary competition. Quick rehearsal in the Chapel beforehand.

Extra Rehearsal » *Aras na Mac Leinn* » 22nd February 2012

Sing 'n' Tonics » *College Chapel* » 23rd February 2012

Weekly Rehearsal » *College Chapel* » 28th February 2012

Sing 'n' Tonics » *College Chapel* » 1st March – 15th March 2012 (3 individual events)

Extra Rehearsal » *College Chapel* » 19th March 2012

Choir rehearsal from 6 till 8 followed by a rehearsal with Orchestra and Jivebox in the Large Acoustic Room.

Yet another extra rehearsal » *Siobhan McKenna Theatre* » 21st March 2012

Sing 'n' Tonics » *College Chapel* » 27th March 2012 Rehearsal for performance at the Socs Awards

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Thomas McGrath

Treasurer: Fionnuala Connolly

Secretary: Emma Farrell

Conductor: Lily McGarry

Vice-Auditor: Tamunoiyeteghenam Tobin

Webmaster: Charlotte May-Simera

Committee 2012/2013

Vice-Auditor: Tamunoiyeteghenam Tobin

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€623.96	Affill/Mem fees	€50.00
Bank Charge	€8.51	Ball	€70.00
Hoodies	€231.00	Bank charge	€35.90
Members Contributions	€165.00	Dinner	€289.00
Muscailt	€100.00	Entry fees	€420.00
SocsBox Till	€164.00	Fundraising/charity	€440.00
Sponsorship	€175.00	Gifts	€54.25
Ticket Sales	€422.85	Hoodies	€268.00
USC Grant	€3,054.12	Materials	€64.75
Total	€4,944.44	Printing	€45.90
		Prizes	€434.25
		Promotions	€4.66
		Reception	€100.00
		Scores	€25.61
		Society accommodation	€970.00
		Society transport	€440.00
		Socs day expenses	€49.55
		Sound	€150.00
		Expenditure Total	€3,688.93
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,255.51
		Total	€4,944.44

Other Information

We held 18 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 295 members.

ALIVE

<u>Charlotte May-Simera</u>	Webmaster	80 hours
<u>Thomas McGrath</u>	Auditor	420 hours
<u>Lyndia Peters</u>	A Capella Singer	65 hours
<u>Lily McGarry</u>	Conductor/Secretary	420 hours
<u>Emma Farrell</u>	OCM	68 hours
<u>Tamunoiyeteghenam Tobin</u>	Vice Auditor	70 hours
<u>Astrid Karlsson</u>	Acting Vice Auditor/PRO	40 hours
# ALIVE Students:	7 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	1163 hours	

Christian Union Soc

The Christian Union has been in a stage of real growth in the last 6 months, going back to September last year. We have grown in numbers but grown in many other areas as well. As a society we have continued to grow the fellowship between the members and also increase our outreach to the many other students on campus. There has been an introduction to more members participating on the worship band and we have increased the number of group activities involving discussion and prayer. We have also started another bible study that happens on the east side of the Corrib. It has been a full year so far and our prayer is that the new committee find a great joy in serving for the rest of the semester.

It has continued to be a time of real growth for the society for the remainder of Semester 2. The new committee, elected at the end of February (elected to satisfy all aspects of society protocol that were not accurately met previously), has worked very well together and have helped keep the society involved and flowing well. We had a number of events such as a movie night, weekly evangelism in Eyre Square with tea/coffee, and also organized a group to go to the Ireland CU annual conference. The two bible studies continued to meet once a week. Our weekly meetings looked very similar as before with worship, prayer, a speaker from various surrounding churches giving a message, discussion, and fellowship. There have been several continual complaints about various aspects of society protocol from a small group of people which has caused tension within the society. Our prayer is that any tension will be resolved in a tactful and peaceful manner in a way that will uphold all the values of the society. We pray that society will experience continual growth, unity, strength, and joy.

Christian Union Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 25 events.

Weekly Meeting » *The Space, Aras Na MacLeinn* » 21st September 2011

We have some time of worship, sing a couple songs, hear some amazing teaching and hang out with tea/coffee and biscuits.

Weekly Meeting » *The Space, Aras Na MacLeinn* » 28th September 2011

Bible Study » *69 Gort na Coiribe* » 10th October 2011

Come and join us for our bible study. We read and study a piece of Scripture, have some time of prayer (amazing!!) and just hang out a bit...

SECOND bible study in the west of the city (45 Glean Dara) on Sundays, 7pm!

Weekly Meeting » *The Space, Aras Na MacLeinn* » 12th October 2011

Bible Study » *45 Glean Dara* » 16th October 2011

Bible Study » *45 Glean Dara* » 17th October 2011

SECOND bible study in the west of the city (45 Glean Dara) on Sundays, 7pm!

Weekly Meeting » *The Space, Aras Na MacLeinn* » 19th October 2011

Bible Study » *45 Glean Dara* » 23rd October 2011

SECOND bible study in the east of the city (69 Gort na Coiribe) on Mondays, 7pm!

Bible Study » 49 Gort na Coiribe » 24th October 2011

SECOND bible study (same topic) in the west of the city (45 Glean Dara) on Sundays, 7pm!

Weekly Meeting » The Space, Aras Na MacLeinn » 26th October 2011**Bible Study** » 45 Glean Dara » 30th October 2011

SECOND bible study (same topic) in the east of the city (49 Gort na Coiribe) on Mondays, 7pm!

Bible Study » 49 Gort na Coiribe » 14th November 2011**Weekly Meeting** » The Space, Aras Mac Leinn » 16th November 2011**College Night** » An Tobar Nua, Lower Dominick Street » 17th November 2011

Come along to the College night of the Christian Cafe "An Tobar Nua" in town. FREE tea and coffee all evening. Bring any music instruments you want, we might even do an open mic night.

Bible Study » 45 Glean Dara » 20th November 2011**Prayer Meeting** » The Space, Aras Mac Leinn » 23rd November 2011**Weekly Meeting** » SC200A - SEMINAR ROOM, SCIENCE EXTENSION » 1st February – 28th March 2012 (9 individual events)

Come along and join us for worship, we sing a couple songs, hear some amazing teaching and hang out with tea/coffee and biscuits. All welcome

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Chidimma Ogbo

Treasurer: Katie McManamon

PR: Corinne Hone

Evangelism: Melanie Bryant

Secretary: Hannah Voss

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€428.95	Bank charge	€9.52
SocsBox Till	€195.00	Dinner	€280.24
Sponsorship	€100.00	Materials	€153.23
USC Grant	€2,000.00	Reception	€59.75
Total	€2,723.95	Society accommodation	€260.00
		Society transport	€10.75
		SocsBox Till Refund	€36.50
		SocsBox Till Refund Manual	€65.00
		Speaker travel	€50.00
		Teacher fees	€640.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,564.99
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,158.96
		Total	€2,723.95

Other Information

We held 27 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 123 members.

ALIVE

Corinne Hone	Public Relations Officer	96 hours
Katie McManamon	Treasurer	30 hours
Chidimma Ogbo	Auditor	30 hours
# ALIVE Students:	3 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	156 hours	

Classics Soc

The Classics Society offers students the opportunity to engage in all things classical that the classics department course cannot offer, we arrange guest lectures (who come from Britain and the European continent to present talks for our society) on a broad range of topics ranging from all things classical (the study of religion, ancient Greek, Roman, Macedonian, Mycenaean and 'Barbaric' cultures, philosophy, history and sociology.) The society also has the occasional 'toga party', a yearly bake sale (which goes to charity) and this year the society is taking almost 30 people on a holiday to Rome! Huzzah!:D We also won the 'Come Fly with me' Award at the Society Awards.

Classics Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

Gay and Lesbian Sex in Ancient Greece » *Darcy Thompson* » 6th October 2011

Professor Brian Arkins will discuss Gay and Lesbian Sex in Ancient Greece the event is organised in support of Equality Week. All welcome.

Classic Society Guest Lecture » *Arts Millennium Building AM250* » 22nd November 2011

Michael-Ann Bevivino will be giving a guest lecture titled "Modern copies of Greek and Roman sculpture in Ireland: Even better than the real thing?" There will be a reception afterwards in the Classics department so feel free to come along.

Guest Lecture » *To be confirmed* » 25th January 2012

The Classics Society have invited Professor Robert Segal from the University of Aberdeen to hold a guest lecture entitled "Does the worship of Gaia reconcile myth with Science?" This is sure to be a very interesting and unique lecture. The location has yet to be confirmed but there will be emails sent out and posters put up around the college. There will be refreshments available in the Classics Department afterwards.

The Rome Trip- HUZAH!!!! » *Rome* » 15th March 2012 The society is going to Rome from the 15th- 20th of March!:D We are going to be in Rome for St Paddy's- MAW HAW! Just like to say thanks to Riona and the SocsBox for ALL their help, we would be nowhere without them!:D:D:D

Margaret Heavey Memorial Lecture » *Siobhan McKenna Theatre, Arts Millennium Building* » 23rd February 2012

Philip Hardie is giving a talk for the annual Margaret Heavey Memorial Lecture. A must not miss event, a reception will be held beforehand in the Arts Millennium Building.

Plato's Republic: A reading » *The View in Aras Na Mac Leinn* » 9th March – 10th March 2012 (2 individual events)

Classics in conjunction with Philosophy Soc will be doing an active reading of Plato's Republic for 24 hours.

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Tadhg Keane

Vice-Auditor: Helen Hughes

Secretary: Helen Murray

Treasurer: Kyra Taylor

PRO: Helene Lynch

OCM: Tadhg Malone

OCM: Orlaith Costello

OCM: Kelly Keady

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€84.81	Bank charge	€13.90
Fundraising	€4,200.00	Dinner	€355.26
USC Grant	€5,300.00	Fundraising/charity	€15.79
Total	€9,584.81	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€7.85
		Reception	€19.96
		Society accommodation	€3,033.70
		Society transport	€4,256.00
		Speaker travel	€708.00
		Expenditure Total	€8,410.46
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,174.35
		Total	€9,584.81

Other Information

We held 25 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 193 members.

ALIVE

<u>Helen Hughes</u>	Vice Auditor	117 hours
<u>Helen Murray</u>	Secretary	125 hours
<u>Tadgh Keane</u>	Auditor	140 hours
<u>Kyra Taylor</u>	Treasurer	140 hours
<u>Molly Aitken</u>	OCM	110 hours
# ALIVE Students:	5 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	632 hours	

Comedy Soc

NUIG Comedy Soc is a society dedicated to the promotion and practice of comedy both on and off campus, including stand up, improv, film and song! Remember, you don't have to be funny to join! A sense of humour could come in handy though:) We also partnered with venues in town and sold student discount tickets for visiting 27 comedians and comedy events at the SocsBox and we issued special discount cards to our members..

Comedy Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 30 events.

Crocks In The City Auditions » *the Art Room » 5th October 2011*

Auditions for NUIG's smallest fashion show, Crocks In The City. We don't need no stinking models, except maybe one or two, and you don't need to be incredibly good looking... or well spoken... or anything else... see you there!

Comedy Soc Table Quiz » *College Bar » 17th October*

Comedy Society table quiz in the College Bar! Free food and nice things like prizes and that to be won!

Music & Ents / Comedy Soc Christmas Party » *College Bar/Presentation Road » 16th December*

Music & Ents and Comedy Soc present an end of exams party, starting in the College Bar and then down to Presentation Road because we couldn't book anywhere else. :P Come join us for fun and other things, etc etc!

Comic Events in the City

Plus we arranged discount student price tickets for 27 comedy events in the city which were on sale in the SocsBox including all the events at the Galway Comedy Festival.

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Robin Allen

Vice-Auditor: Aishling Clancy

Treasurer: James Greaney

Secretary: Molly Heatley-Mulhall

OCM: Mark Kelly

OCM: Niall Sweeney

OCM: Mark McNally

Organisation Balance Sheet

Comedy Soc Balance Sheet - 2011/2012			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	-227.28	Bank charge	€66.23
Bank Charge	€6.54	Entertainment	€3,012.00
SocsBox Till	€2,800.50	SocsBox Till Refund	€10.00
Ticket Sales	€7.00	Expenditure Total	€3,088.23
USC Grant	€970	Closing Bank Balance	€468.53
Total	€3,556.76	Total	€3,586.76

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 1041 members.

ALIVE

Robin Allen	Auditor	200 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	200 hours	

Comic Book Society

NUIG's Comic Book Society is dedicated to promoting and spreading the comic book culture around the university campus, and to advance the comic-book as a legitimate art-form. With open-floor presentations, self-published comics, movie nights, comic-book art classes and meetings to encourage discussion and discourse on the comic-book medium. We also engage in annual events, such as our convention ComicsWest, the only comic convention in the west of Ireland, and the 24 Hour Comic, in which our members create a comic-book in 24 hours. Our mission is to create an environment where both comic-book fans and newcomers can meet, socialize and discuss their favourite works.

Comic Book Society Events

This year the society held a total of 39 events.

Comic Soc Weekly Meeting » *The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 19th September – 23rd April 2012 (32 individual events)

The weekly Comic Soc gathering, where we all have some tea and biccies, while talking comics, graphic novels and Nathan Fillion. Tell us about your favourite comics, or we'll tell you ours if you haven't read any yet! Open to all, first timers always welcome!

Screening of Scott Pilgrim » *Large Acoustic Room* » 23rd September 2011

Comic Soc screens the AWESOME scott pilgrim!!!!

KICK ASS screening » *Large Acoustic Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn* » 7th October 2011

Comic Book soc presents a screening of KICK-ASS, one of the most controversial and entertaining comic book movies of all time!

Walking Dead Marathon » *Large Acoustic Room* » 28th October 2011

Comic soc screening of the first series of The Walking Dead, ABC's acclaimed adaptaion of Robert Kirkman's classic comic book series

Horror screenings » *Large Acoustic Room* » 31st October 2011

Screenings of all the comic book horror a man can take!

Marvel vs. Capcom Tournament » *Large Acoustic Room* » 4th November 2011

Comic Soc and Anime & Manga go head to head in a video game tournament! Pick a side, crush the other!

ComicsWest » Bailey Allen Hall » 12th November 2011

The Comic Book society's major comic book event, ComicsWest: the Galway Comics and Zine Fair! Come along to meet comics creators from all over Ireland, cartoon marathons, master-classes and mad craic all day long!

Captain America Screening » Large Acoustic Room » 16th December 2011

For the last event before Christmas, Comic Soc brings you Captain America: the First Avenger! Expect Christmas treats, and we'll be hitting the town after for Dramsoc's christmas party!

Committee 2011/2012

Vice-Auditor: David Burdon

Secretary: Leigh Ashmore

PRO: Eoin Butler Thornton

Lackey: Jason Browne

Webhead: Shane Malone

Gonzo Man: Graham Keane

Lackey: Ois McDonagh

Auditor: Colm McElligott

Treasurer: Conor Keville

Societies Liaison : Conor Hooper

Lackey: Liam King

Darkman: Gearoid O'Brien

Founding Father: Jonathan O'Rourke

Lackey: Megan McGuinness

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Ois McDonagh

Treasurer: Dominique Meehan

PRO: Megan McGuinness

Lackey: Susan Collins

Darkman: Gearoid O'Brien

Lackey: David Burdon

Lackey: Conor Keville

Vice-Auditor: Leigh Ashmore

Secretary: Daniel Culkin

Webhead: Shane Malone

Lackey: Emma Van Der Putten

Founding Father: Jonathan O'Rourke

Lackey: Eoin Butler Thornton

Organisation Balance Sheet

Comic Book Society Balance Sheet - 2011/2012			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	482.72	Bank charge	€57.76
Bank Charge	€8.57	Entertainment	€77.99
Muscailt	€150.00	Materials	€134.42
Ticket Sales	€85.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€391.01
USC Grant	€1,500.00	Printing	€264.00
		Prizes	€75.00
		Speaker accommodation	€75.00
		Stationary	€17.99
		Expenditure Total	€1,093.17
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,133.12
Total	€2,226.29	Total	€2,226.29

Other Information

We held 16 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 347 members.

ALIVE

<u>Graham Keane</u>	OCM	15 hours
<u>Shaun Leonard</u>	Member	10 hours
<u>Eoin Butler Thornton</u>	PRO	50 hours
<u>David Burdon</u>	Co-Auditor	135 hours
<u>Ronan Gallagher</u>	Event Production	20 hours
# ALIVE Students:	5 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	230 hours	

Compsoc

Compsoc this year dedicated itself to delivering helpful tutorials on programming in a multitude of platforms, including the Windows 7 phone, Android, and PC. Compsoc also gave tutorials on various programming languages, such as Java and C. We also organised successful LAN gaming sessions and a LAN gaming session that raised money in aid of Habitat for Humanity.

Aaron Hastings (Server Admin) held a very successful codeathon on the project euler challenges that we intend on doing more of in the coming year.

Compsoc Events

This year the society held a total of 16 events.

App development Tutorial Twitter on Windows Phone 7 » Meeting room 1 (upstairs in Aras Na Mac Leinn) » 13th September 2011

A tutorial on developing a twitter app for windows phone 7. Tutorial notes are up on:

Compsoc Meet and Greet » The Space » 26th September 2011

A meet and greet for everyone to get to know each other. Free Pizza!

Programming: - The Beginning - tutorial » Meeting Room 2 Aras Na Mac Leinn » 27th September 2011

Programming, the beginning....of a wonderful journey

Tutorial aimed at absolute beginners, no prior mouse knowledge necessary. Approx presentation 45 min, tutorial 30 min.

Addressing: What is programming? Why is programming? Who cares? When will there be tea?

CompSoc EGM » Meeting Room 1 Aras Na Mac Leinn » 4th October 2011

CompSoc needs you, yes you to keep us running and orderly. Come along to have a say in what we can do for you and who will do it.

JavaScript Tutorial » The Stage, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 6th October 2011

A tutorial about JavaScript and DOM from the beginning and why it makes the web dynamic and fun.

Java Tutorial » The Space, Upstairs, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 10th October 2011

The first of our Java Tutorials is on with code along, we will spend 45min presenting, 15 min break, and up to an hour coding some little bits and open forum ask questions to the presenters. There will be about 3 people around who have a good standard of Java and can help you out.

To code along on the day please bring a laptop with Eclipse for Java on it (you need the Java JDK also for eclipse to work), we will try to provide as many sockets as possible.

Android Tutorial » The View, Upstairs, Aras na Mac Leinn » 12th October 2011

Compsoc's first Android Native App development tutorial. Presentation and demonstration of how to develop for Android as well as key information about its abilities and features and how to deploy an app to your own phone.

CompSoc Code-a-thon » The Space, Aras na Mac Leinn » 7th November 2011

Like to code? Want to participate in a series of programming challenges with other amateur coders? Then you'll love our first ever Code-a-thon! This one is just for fun, so don't worry if you consider yourself a total novice. Experienced programmers will also be on hand to help out. Meeting in "The Space" (Aras na Mac Leinn) at 7pm.

Robocode Workshop » Lower PC suite, Education Building » 8th November 2011

A workshop on Robocode.

Squareeyes Games Night » Squareeyes » 9th November 2011

Compsoc's Squareeyes Fortnightly gaming session.

Monday Mashup - Halo Night » *The Space* » 16th January 2012

We are kicking off our Monday Mashups with some 4 on 4 Halo Action, non competitive, be there or be square

RoboCode Tutorial » *The Space, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 30th January 2012

Robocode Tutorial Monday 7-8pm the Space, Aras na Mac Leinn by Liam Krewer, Robocode is an exciting artificial intelligence robot programming competition where contestants program robots to fight digital battles against each other. This session will serve as an intro from the ground up however requires some programming experience.(robocode is java based but java OO knowledge not essential)

jQuery Mobile Tutorial » *Lower PC Suite, Education Building, beside Civil Building* » 31st January 2012

jQuery Mobile tutorial Tuesday 7-8pm lower Education Pc Suite, Education Building by myself. jQuery Mobile is the hottest new framework for web application development for Mobile platforms allowing a web app to be developed responsively for nearly any device with a browser. This session is a short tutorial covering the basics of jQM and what makes it so useful. This session includes front end development only.

COD2, Urban Terror and friends » *Meeting Room 1 (upstairs in Aras Na Mac Leinn)* » 2nd February 2012

COD2, Urban Terror and friends 7-9pm Thursday Meeting Room 1. Casual LAN games, bring a laptop and whatever LANable games you have. We will be hosting some competitive LAN games later this year.

CompsoC Charity LAN » *09llabs* » 31st March – 1st April 2012 (2 individual events)

A LAN gaming session where the entrance fee went towards Habitat for Humanity.

Committee 2011/2012

Baby Admin: Aaron Hastings

Secretary: Laura Wilkins

Gaming Co-ordinator: Niall Cahill

Public Relations Officer: Liam Krewer

Treasurer: James Cuddy

Auditor: Pdraig Meaney

Chief Admin: Shane Tuohy

Co-Games Co-ordinator: Ruairi Fahy

Vice-Auditor: Finn Krewer

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Aaron Hastings

Vice-Auditor: Liam Krewer

Treasurer: Ruairi Fahy

Secretary: Laura Wilkins

Organisation Balance Sheet

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Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	€1460.81	Affill/Mem fees	€122.94
Bank Charge	€3.19	Bank charge	€30.59
SocsBox Till	€128.50	Costumes	€240.00
USC Grant	€500.00	Expenditure Total	€393.53
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,698.97
Total	€2,092.50	Total	€2,092.50

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 334 members.

ALIVE

Aaron Hastings System Administrator 40 hours

ALIVE Students: 1 student

Hours Volunteered: 40 hours

Cumann de Barra

Cumann De Barra is the youth wing of Fianna Fail in the College. It had a large presence in the College in 2011/2012.

Cumann De Barra provides an environment for the students to debate serious or light issues. It also provides a social scene in the College unrivalled in any of the other political parties in the College.

Cumann Caoimhin De Barra stays true to the ideals of the senior FF party, however it provides a much nicer setting in which to debate, within its Ogra environment.

Cumann De Barra produces many politicians as well as many opinions. It also affects the policy of the senior Party, bringing those opinions to Ard Fheissana and conferences and having them passed.

Overall, we think Fianna Fail IS the best political youth party to be part of in NUIG.

Cumann de Barra Events

This year the society held a total of 27 events.

Go-Karting » Galway City » 10th October 2011

Public Meeting of CDB » AC202 » 17th October 2011

A general meeting of CDB including a speaker and a policy debate. Come along to share your views and change the future!! :)

Weekly Meeting and address from Cllr Peter Keane » AC202 » 24th October 2011

General business and address from Councillor Peter Keane

Weekly meeting and NYC hustings » AC202 » 31st October 2011

National Youth Conference » Cork City » 4th November – 6th November 2011 (3 individual events)

Election of Officers, Address by Party leader, Policy workshops and good nay very good craic.

NYC de-brief » AC202 » 14th November 2011

De-brief of National Youth Conference and address by Eamon O Cuiv TD

Weekly Meeting » AC202 » 21st November 2011

Last meeting of 2011 » AC202 » 28th November 2011

Welcome back Meeting » AC202 » 16th January 2012

Weekly Meeting and Sceptic Tank debate » AC202 » 23rd January 2012

General business and a debate on the Sceptic Tank issues

Weekly Meeting and de-brief on the National Council » AC202 » 30th January 2012

National Youth Council » Dublin » 4th February 2012

C20 Hustings and Weekly Meeting » AC202 » 6th February 2012

Committee of Twenty Hustings and general business

Night out with other Ograi » The Hole in the Wall » 14th February 2012

Meeting with the UL cumman for drinks.

Weekly Meeting » AC202 » 20th February 2012

General business and address from Robert Troy TD

Meeting with Sean Dorgan » AC202 » 27th February 2012

Meeting with Se'n Dorgan, General Secretary of Fianna F?il and Jackie Lally, Constituency Organiser.

FF Ard Fheis » RDS Dublin » 2nd March – 4th March 2012 (3 individual events)

Trip to the RDS for the Fianna Fail Ard Fheis.

National Youth Council » Dublin » 2nd March 2012

2nd Meeting of the National Youth council

Meeting with Dara Calleary » AC202 » 12th March 2012

Meeting with Dara Calleary TD

Cumann De Barra AGM » AC202 » 26th March 2012

AGM for election of officers

National Collection » Galway » 12th May – 13th May 2012 (2 individual events)

Helping out with the National Collection.

Cumann De Barra AGM » AC202 » 26th March 2012 :

AGM for election of officers

Committee 2011/2012

Secretary: Patrick Clancy

Events Officer: Malachy Egan

Membership Officer: Mark Nestor

Auditor: Dermot O'Malley

OCM: Michael Talty

Treasurer: Keith Henry

Co-Treasurer: Thomas Dever

Vice-Auditor: Thomas Daniels

PRO: Maeve Griffin

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Keith Henry

Treasurer: Emmet Greaney

Co-Treasurer: Kevin Higgins

Events Officer: Edel McNamara

Vice-Auditor: Patrick Clancy

Secretary: Conor Kelly

PRO: David Keane

Membership Officer: Shane Kelly

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,250.74	Affill/Mem fees	€115.00
Balls	€40.00	Ball	€570.00
Members Contributions	€802.50	Entertainment	€135.00
USC Grant	€1,700.00	Entry fees	€45.00
Total	€3,793.24	Hoodies	€80.00
		Society accommodation	€920.00
		Society transport	€343.00
		Expenditure Total	€2,208.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,585.24
		Total	€3,793.24

Other Information

We held 2 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 163 members.

ALIVE

Patrick Clancy	Secretary	80 hours
Malachy Egan	Events Officer	30 hours
Keith Henry	Treasurer	35 hours
# ALIVE Students:	3 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	145 hours	

Cumann Dramaiochta

In October, we started out the year with all new society members. We had taken part with An Cumann D last year, and we were still learning about drama. We weren't sure where to start, so in the first semester, we had a few social events to get everyone together and get to know each other better, while talking about Irish and Irish plays. It was an interesting first semester, with events like a social evening with all the Irish societies from NUI Galway and an Acadamh, Halloween Fancy Dress party, An tOireachtas.

In the second semester, it was arranged that the Intervarsity Drama Competition would be held in NUI Galway again this year, so we set about organizing the event. We looked at a few plays, and finally agreed on rewriting a play. We had two different acting workshops with Sean O Coistealbha and Sean O Moronaigh. A few colleges participated, including ours, and

our committee members Orfhlaith and Zara, as well as our member Colm, each won an award.

***I tus na bliana, thosaigh muid amach mar coiste nua ar fad. Bhi muid parteach leis an Cumann Dramaiochta an bhliain seo caite, agus bhi me fos ag foghlaim faoi an ceird. Ni raibh muid cinnte cen ait le tosnu. Chuir muid cupla imeachtaí le cheile chun go mbeidh daoine ag teacht le cheile agus ag caint faoi an Ghaeilge agus dramaí i nGaeilge. Bhi an chead seimeastar suimiúil, le imeachtaí ar nos trathnóna soisialta leis na cumainn gaelach on OEG agus an Acadamh, Coisir Oíche Shamhna Eide Breige, an tOireachtais, rí.

Sa dara seimeastar, bhi se eagraithe go mbeadh Feile Dramaiochta na gColaisti ar siúl i OE Gaillimh arís i mbliana. Thosaigh muid ag socrú le haghaidh an ocaid. Breathnaigh muid ar roinnt piosáí dramaíocht, agus ar deiridh, shocraigh muid ar piosa a athscríobh. Bhi dha ceardlann aisteoireacht againn i rith an dara seimeastar le Sean O Coistealbha agus Sean O Moronaigh. Thog cupla colaiste pairt sa ocaid, chomh maith linne, agus bhuaigh Orfhlaith agus Zara on coiste, chomh maith le Colm on ball, duaiseanna le haghaidh an drama a chuir muid ar siúl.

Cumann Dramaiochta Events

This year the society held a total of 21 events.

EGM - Cruinniú Cinn Bliana » *Aras na gaeilge* » 6th October 2011

CCB an Cumann Dramaíochta! Suim sa dramaíocht? Agus Gaeilge? Bi linn! ***Interested in drama? And Irish? Come along to the EGM

Trathnóna soisialta » *Sa Hub, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 19th October 2011

Teacht le cheile muintir an acadamh agus an príomh champús- an cumann craic, dramaíochta, soisialta agus subhoro! *** Gathering of the Irish Societies from the main NUIG campus and the Acadamh in Carraroe, Co. Galway.

Coisir Oíche Shamhna/ Halloween Party » *Aras na nGael, Sraid Dominc* » 31st October 2011

Coisir Mor Oíche Shamhna san Arus! Bigi ann! ***Halloween Party in the Arus! Be there!

An tOireachtas na Gaeilge » *Cill Airne na Gaeilge* » 4th November – 6th November 2011 (3 individual events)

Coisir ollmhor na Gaeilge, damhsa agus ceol ar an sean-nos, ceilithe craiceailte gleasta agus craic as gaeilge! ***Huge Irish party, singing and dancing sa sean-nos, mad fancy dress ceilís and general craic through Gaeilge!

Coisir roimh na scrudaithe » *College Bar/ Teach Tabhairne an Cholaiste* » 23rd November 2011

Coisir le Cumann Craic, Soisialta, Dramaíochta & Subhoro suas staire i dteach tabhairne!

La na gCumainn 2 / Socs Day 2 » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 10th January 2012

Tabhair cuairt ag an seastán inniu :D Ta muid ann chun inseacht díobh ceard ata ag tarlú leis an cumann an seimistear seo :D ***Visit us at our stand today :) We are there to tell you about all that's happening in our society this semester :D

Cruinniú / Meeting with Sean O Moronaigh » *Caife Aras na Gaeilge* » 11th January 2012

A chairde, beidh Sean O Moronaigh (Stiurthoir an Chomhlachais Naisiunta Dramaíochta) linn, ag labhairt faoi dramaí a chuir ar siúl. Caife Aras Na Gaeilge, ag an 5i.n. Failte roimh gach duine! *** Hey Friends, Sean O Moronaigh, Director of the National Drama Association (Irish-speaking), will be with us to discuss putting on a few plays this semester. Aras na Gaeilge cafe (at the back of the building), at 5p.m. Welcomes to everyone!

Eisteachtaí don drama Ull Glas Oíche Shamhna » *Teatar Aras na Gaeilge* » 26th January 2012

Eisteachtaí don drama Ull Glas Oíche Shamhna athchomhairthe Deardaoin ag a 6i.n sa Teatar in Aras na Gaeilge. Failte roimh chach! / Auditions.

Cleachtadh Drama "Soineann go Samhain" » *Aras na Gaeilge* » 13th February 2012

Cleachtadh Drama "Soineann go Samhain" » *Teatar Aras na Gaeilge* » 16th February 2012

Cleachtadh Drama "Soineann go Samhain" » *Aras na Gaeilge* » 20th February 2012

Cleachtadh Drama "Soineann go Samhain" » *Teatar Aras na Gaeilge* » 23rd February 2012

Cleachtadh Drama "Soineann go Samhain" » *Aras na Gaeilge* » 27th February 2012

Cleachtadh Drama "Soineann go Samhain" » *Aras na Gaeilge* » 29th February 2012

Cleachtadh Drama "Soineann go Samhain" » *Teatar Aras na Gaeilge* » 1st March 2012

Feile Dramaíochta na gColaisti / Irish College Drama Festival » *Teatar Aras na Gaeilge* » 2nd March 2012

Eagraithe ag An Comhlachas Naisiunta Dramaíochta. Beidh cupla drama as Gaeilge ar siúl ar an oíche, agus beidh moltaíreach agus Bronnadh an nGradam ina dhiaidh. Coisir i Arus na nGael, Sraid Dominick.

CCB - AGM » *Aras na Gaeilge* » 29th March 2012

An cruinniú deireanach le haghaidh an Cumann D. Ma bhionn tu ag iarraidh a bheidh sa choiste an bhliain seo chugainn, teigh ag an cruinniú! Beidh muid ag dul chuig Oíche na Mac Leinn i Arus na nGael, Sraid Doiminick ina dhiaidh :)

Ceardlann Dramaíochta le Sean O Coistealbha » *Aras na Gaeilge* » 2nd February 2012

Ceardlann agus piosa cainte le Sean O Coistealbha. / A workshop and chat with Sean O Coistealbha.

Cleachtadh Drama "Soineann go Samhain" » *Aras na Gaeilge* » 28th February 2012

Committee 2011/2012

PRO/OCP: Orfhlaith Breathnach

Secretary: Maire Ni Mhaolain

GBC/OCM: Caoimhe Ni Ghriallais

Auditor: Kevin O'Sullivan

Treasurer: Zara Ni Choistealbha

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Blue Hanley

Treasurer: Ciaran Doyle

OCM: Orfhlaith Breathnach

Secretary: Maire Ni Mhaolain

PRO: Feidhlim Seoighe

OCM: Zara Ni Choistealbha

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	261.33	Bank charge	€62.88
Bank Charge	€3.37	Reception	€18.69
Sponsorship	€75.00	Expenditure Total	€81.57
		Closing Bank Balance	€258.13
Total	€339.70	Total	€339.70

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 146 members.

Cumann Soisialta

Cumann Soisialta is situated in the Acadamh in Carraroe. Mar is iondúil, bhí bliain ghnóthach ag an gCumann Sóisialta agus d'éirigh linn réimse leathan imeachtaí a eagrú do chomhlúadar an Acadaimh. Bhí sé d'ádh orainn i mbliana go raibh Oifigeach na Mac Léinn, Daithí Ó Riain, ag obair go lánaimseartha mar chuid den bhliain taithí oibre agus is eisean a d'éagraigh agus a rinne riaradh ar roinnt mhaith d'imeachtaí an Chumainn. Bhí ballraíocht thar a bheith sásúil againn; 133 san iomlán agus bhí imeachtaí an chumainn bunaithe ar riachtanais agus suimeanna na mball.

Ceann de na dúshláin a bhíonn le sárú ag an gcoiste seo, de bharr tréimhse ama na gcúrsaí, ná nach mbíonn mórán leanúnachais ann agus go mbíonn orainn tosú ón nua chuile bhliain. Tá sé seo tarlaithe le roinnt mhaith de bhlianta ach d'éirigh linn dul i ngleic leis i mbliana agus tá súil againn go mbeidh idirtréimhse níos éifeachtaí againn sa bhliain atá romhainn. Cuirtear béim faoi leith ar bhailiú airgid do charthanachtaí agus is deas linn a rá i mbliana gur bhailigh muid €5,562 do charthanachtaí. Bronnadh an t-airgead sin ar Tigh Nan Dooley, Coiste Háití na hOllscoile agus ar Choiste Pháirc Spraoi na Ceathrún Rua.

De bharr gur ionad beag é campas an Acadaimh ar an gCeathrún Rua, is i gcomhar le heagraíochtaí agus cumainn eile a reachtálach cuid de na himeachtaí. Ba liosta le háireamh na himeachtaí a reachtálach i mbliana agus ní raibh seachtain sa bhliain nach raibh ócáid de shórt éigin eagraithe ag an gcumann bisiúil seo! Is achoimre atá sa mhéid atá thíos orthu:

Cumann Soisialta Events

This year the society held a total of 20 events.

La Oscailte » *an Cheathru Rua* » *7th September 2011*

Beidh na mic leinn on Acadaimh ag teacht le cheile le DJ terry chun aithne a chur ar a cheile. Beidh neart craic agus caint ar an oiche

Toraíocht Taisce » *an Cheathru Rua* » *14th September 2011*

Beidh Toraíocht taisce ar siúl timpeall na Ceathrún Rua agus an tAcadamh. beidh dearbhan do Bia Blasta don fhoireann go bhfuil an bua acu.

Ta cead ag 4 a bheith ar gach foireann

Bus chuig an Cathair » *An Cheathru Rua* » *29th September*

Beidh bus ag dul isteach go aras na nGael go Coisir le mic leinn leis an gCumann Craic, ansin beidh muid ag leanuint ar aghaidh go C.P's

Trath na gCeisteanna » *an Cheathru Rua* » *12th October 2011*

Trath na gCeisteann ar siul i Tigh n'Taillura. Ta cead ag 4 a bheith ar gach foireann. Beidh 10 babhta ann do chuile saghas. beidh ann craic ann!!!!

Oiche Gleasta suas » *An Cheathru Rua* » 27th October 2011

Beidh comortas gleasta suas againn ar an 27 l? do Deireadh F?mhair. beidh duais ann don culaith is fearr!

Bigi ann agus breathnu scanruil :)

Bob na Bia » *An Cheathru Rua* » 31st October 2011

Beidh go leor craic, cluichi ar siul ar an 31 la chun oiche shamhna a ceiluradh. Beidh muid ag deanamh breacadh puimcin, bob le haghaidh ?lla, ag peinteal aghaidheanna agus go leor rudai eile.

an tOireachtas » *Cill Airne* » 4th November – 6th November 2011 (3 individual events)

Beidh bus ag imeacht on Acadaimh ag a 12 ar an 4 Samhain chun dul sios chuig an Oireachtas.

Beidh loistin, bus agus ticeid don Club na feile sa praghas.

An praghas ata ar na ticead na €50.

Is deireadh seachtaine iontach e an tOireachtas le neart ceol, cultur agus craic le fail. Beidh mic leinn triu leibheal ar fud na tire ag dul ann chun an Gaeilge a ceiluradh.

Maidin Caife » *An Cheathru Rua* » 24th November 2011

Beidh an Mhaidin Chaife bhliantuil ar siul in Acadamh na hOllscolaiochta Gaeilge ar an gCeathru Rua ar an 24 11 de mhi na Samhna, 10 am- 1pm. Baileofar an t-airgead i mbliana do Ionad Churam Leanai na Ceathrun Rua. Beidh neart soltaisti le fail agus le ceannach ar an la. Mar sin, bigi linn chun tacaiocht a thabhairt do Ionad Churam Leanai na Ceathrun Rua.

Beidh failte agus fiche roimh chach.

Coisir na Nollag » *An Cheathru Rua* » 14th December Beidh Coisir na Nollag ar siul i tigh n'Taillura ar an 14 Nollaig. Beidh Daithi O Dronai ag casadh ceol ar an oiche. Is an-oiche a bheadh ann agus beodh muid in ann deireadh na scrudaithe a ceiluradh!!

Ceiluradh tar eis na scruduithe » *an Cheathru Rua* » 14th December 2011

Beidh ceol, fiseain na mic Léinn agus caruil na nollag ann.

Chomh maith leis sin beidh na torthai on gcomortas 'aois roimh Ailleachta' againn

bigi ann!!

Trath na gCeisteanna » *An Cheathru Rua* » 17th January 2012

Beidh an cumann soisialta agus na mic leinn o Mater Dei ag teacht le cheile chun Trath na gCeisteann a dheanamh. Is dearbhan €40 don buaiteoir agus €20 don fhoireann ata sa darna ait.

bigi ann, i halla an Acadaimh!!

Comortas Peil agus caitheamh saighead » *an Cheathru Rua* » 2nd February 2012

Oiche Chomortais

Comortas Peil agus caitheamh saighead

I dTigh anTailliura

Darach Mac Con Iomaire » *An Cheathru Rua* » 8th February 2012

Darach Mac Con Iomaire (stuirthoir/scriobhneoir Corp & Anam) ag teacht chun Ceardlann a dheanamh.

La na bPancog » *an Cheathru Rua* » 21st February 2012

Le haghaidh la na bpancog beidh an cumann soisialta ag deanamh go leor pancoga deasa idir a 9.30-12i.n

Ta failte roimh chach!!

Feile an Acadaimh » *An Cheathru Rua* » 5th March – 8th March 2012 (4 individual events)

Beidh Feile an Acadaimh ar siul in Acadamh na hOllscolaiochta Gaeilge idir an 5-8 Marta. Beidh muid ag bailiu airgead don gCoiste Churam Leanai.

Ar an 5 Marta beidh an drama 'an Toghan' ar siul i Seanscoil Salerno. Is e aisteoiri an Cumann Subhoro ata ag deanamh an drama ata bunaithe ar toghchan Aontas na Mac Leinn.

Ar an 6 Marta, beidh an seoladh oifigiuil. Beidh na mic leinn ag teacht le cheile chun bricfeasta a ithe le cheile agus b'fheidir go mbeadh an raidio i lathair. Ansin beidh an scoraiocht idir na blianta ag dul ar aghaidh ag 1.00. Ta duais do E300 ar fail don buaiteoir.

An oiche sin beidh muid ag ceiluradh le mic leinn on bpriomhcampas agus mic leinn Gaeilge o UCD. Beidh AnnMarie agus Martin Joe ag seint ceol ar an oiche.

Ar an 7 Marta beidh ceardlann jiveal agus damhsa ar siul, so go mbeidh muid reidh don ceilli. An oiche sin beidh Ros an Acadaimh ag dul ar aghaidh. Beidh na gcailini Aileainn ata san acadamh ag cur isteach ar an gComortas seo. Beidh orthu piosa caint a dheanamh agus cathfidh talun a bheith acu chomh maith. Beidh ar Ros alainn ag leanuint ar aghaidh go Ros Conradh na gaeilge on oiche tar eis.

Ansin, leandimid ar aghaidh chuig an la deireanach don feile. An 8 Marta. Beidh la sport ar siul. Beidh na mic leinn agus an fhoireann ag imirt le cheile chun cupla cluiche sacair a imirt. Ansin chun críoch iontach a chur leis an feile beidh ceilli againn.

Ta failte roimh gach duine.

Committee 2011/2012

Treasurer: Deborah Ni Mharta

PRO: Tomas O'Riada

Secretary: Gina Casey

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	70.00	Ball	€195.61
USC Grant	€1,000.00	Prizes	€40.00
		Set	€75.00
		Society transport	€750.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,060.61
		Closing Bank Balance	€9.39
Total	€1,070.00	Total	€1,070.00

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 135 members.

Cumann Staire (History)

An Cumann Staire aims to support and enhance the student life of all its members at both undergrad and postgrad levels. We organise many social and academic events throughout the year and need the support of our members through their participation to guarantee our continued success. For new graduate students of Ollscoil na h-Éireann Gaillimh, An Cumann Staire offers a warm embrace and a *Cá@ad mále fáilte!* For those who are moving from an undergrad to a postgrad here we encourage participation in our well known organisation. Here are some of the events we have organised or taken part in this year:

The university's biggest formal dress event, the Arts Ball, Hosting the CCS - IHSA annual conference 2012, Aistir international history student conference, Trips abroad to meet other history students, Academically respected guest speakers, Active membership of ISHA, Fun social nights out, Screening of Band of Brothers.

Cumann Staire (History) Events

This year the society held a total of 30 events.

Guest Lecture with Mr. Jonathan Lewy: 'Nazis on speed: myths and reality' » *siobhan mckenna theatre, Arts Millenium* » 21st September 2011

This is the first guest lecture of the year for An Cumann Staire. We are pleased to present Mr. Jonathan Lewy from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem to give a lecture on the history of drugs during the World Wars, discussing both the myths and the realities. We hop to see as many as possible there!

"Band of Brothers" Series Screening » *TBC* » 29th September 2011

We will be starting to show band of brothers. Novelties and refreshments will be on offer. A great chance to meet the committee and talk about getting involved with us aswell

Series Screening "Band of Brothers" Part 2 » *The View* » 6th October 2011

Get-To-Gether » *McSwiggans* » 13th October – 14th October 2011 (2 individual events)

We're are having a get together for new members and old. ALL WELCOME. We will be discussing plans for the new year and our upcoming trip to Belfast. Hope to see you there! **Series Screening "Band of Brothers" Part 3** » *The View* » 20th October 2011

Guest lecture by dr. Alan Murray (University of Leeds) » *siobhan mckenna theatre, Arts Millenium Building* » 10th November 2011

An Cumann Staire is proud to present our second guest lecture of the year: Dr. Alan Murray from the University of Leeds will be guiding us through "The Long Road to Jerusalem: Organisation and Practice of the Crusades to the Holy Land, 1096-1192."

Band of Brothers part 5 » *Larmor Theatre* » 24th November 2011

A series screening with pizza afterwards.

Trip to Belfast » *Belfast* » 25th November – 27th November 2011 (3 individual events)

Our internal trip to Belfast!

Cumann Staire Christmas Party! » *The Salthouse* » 2nd December – 3rd December 2011 (2 individual events)

It is that time of year again! We would like to welcome our members to our Christmas party Friday 2nd of December in the Salthouse (4 Raven Terrace). There will be some complimentary refreshments of your choice. Hope to see you there!

Meet & Greet #1 » *Salthouse (Off Dominic St.)* » 10th January – 11th January 2012 (2 individual events)

As part of the Socs Day 2 Festivities, we will be hosting 2 meet & greet events for our new members. All welcome to come and find out more about Cumann Staire.

Meet & Greet #2 » *McSwiggans (Woodquay)* » 12th January – 13th January 2012 (2 individual events)

Guest Lecture with Dr. David Gleeson » *siobhan mckenna theatre* » 19th January 2012

Cumann Staire is happy to present the first guest lecture of the semester. Dr. David Gleeson will be presenting "The Green and the Gray: The Irish in the Confederate States of America." Hope to see you there.

Arts Ball Ticket Selling » *Aras na Mac Leinn* » 23rd January 2012

Final Year Tickets: 50 Euro, Full-Tickets: 50 Euro, Afters Tickets: 30 Euro

Tickets go on sale on from 9am Monday January 23rd, In Aras na Mac Leinn.

09:00 to 10:00: Full-Tickets on sale to Final Years exclusively.

10:00 to 13:00: Full-Tickets on sale to all NUIG students.

13:00 to 16:00: Afters Tickets go on sale and all tickets types are available.

There is no online booking system. Tickets are going on sale on a first come, first serve basis.

*Only 2 tickets per person, in order to purchase you have to have a valid NUI Galway student I.D. to purchase. Cash payments only.

Guest Lecture by Prof. Philip Morgan » *siobhan mckenna theatre* » 2nd February 2012

An Cumann Staire is honoured to present Prof. Philip Morgan who will give a guest lecture for us on "The two Hamiltons: North-American - Caribbean Crossings". See you there!

Arts Ball 2012 » *Salthill Hotel* » 15th February – 16th February 2012 (2 individual events)

Limited supply of full & afters tickets still available at the SocsBox. The Arts Ball was the biggest and best ball in NUIG in 2011. Cumann Staire will again be bringing the Arts Ball to a new level in 2012. The Ball is aiming to raise over ?11,000 for the Alzheimers Society of Ireland and the Williams Syndrome Association of Ireland.

Pre-Parties in the College bar with Drinks Promos and finger food before buses leave start leaving @ 5:45 (Full-Tickets) & 9:15 (Afters-Tickets). Full-Ticket and Final Year VIP Holders holders will be treated to a super salubrious champagne reception upon arrival in the Salthill Hotel and solacious and sumptuous 4 & 5 Course meals.

All Arts Ball Wristbands will all be given free admission into the Arts Ball After-Party in Carbon on 16/02/2012.

Tickets are required to gain admittance to the Ball. By attending the Arts Ball guests agree to adhere by NUIG code of conduct.

Irish History Students Association 2012 Conference. » *Events will be spread through out the Campus and City during the three days. Please look up the online Conference programme for details* » 2nd March – 4th March 2012 (3 individual events)

The annual conference of the CCS - IHSA is the primary opportunity in Ireland for students of history to meet and was first organised in Newman House of UCD in Dublin in 1950, with representatives of the five Irish universities then extant attending. Students from Ireland and those studying Irish history abroad present papers at this event, to which all history students are welcome.

Guest lecture by Prof. Richard Hoyle (University of Reading) » *siobhan mckenna theatre* » 6th March 2012

An Cumann Staire os delighted to welcome Prof. Richard Doyle (University of Reading) who will be giving a guest lecture on "Persuasion and petitioning in the mid-Tudor crisis". There will be served some refreshments after the talk. See you there!

'Persuasion and petitioning in the mid-Tudor crisis' » *tbc* » 6th March 2012

An Cumann Staire is delighted to have Prof. Richard Hoyle (University of Reading) give a talk on 'Persuasion and petitioning in the mid-Tudor crisis'. Professor Hoyle is one of the leading economic and social historians of early modern England.

Professor Hoyle held a British Academy Research Readership in 2004-2006. In 2006 he was elected Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences. Professor Hoyle is also senior Editor of Agriculture History Review and President of the List and Index Society.

Guest lecture by Dr. Anthony Harvey » *Fottrell Theatre, Arts Millennium* » 15th March 2012

An Cumann Staire would like to welcome you to another guest elcture. This time it is Dr. Anthony Harvey (Royal Irish Academy) whi is visiting us, and will be giving a talk on "How Linguistics can help the Historian". We hope to see you there!

Guest lecture by Prof. Thomas Charles-Edwards » *siobhan mckenna theatre, Arts Millenium* » 29th March 2012

An Cumann Staire is proudly presenting the final guest lecture of the year; Professor Thomas Charles-Edwards (recently retired from Jesus College, Oxford). He will be presenting a lecture on "The Irish in Post-Roman Wales". There will be some refreshments after the talk.

Annual General Meeting » *siobhan mckenna theatre, Arts Millenium* » 12th April 2012

Play your part in deciding the Future of An Cumann Staire!

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Joe Regan

Webmaster: Christopher O'Boyce

PRO: Kenneth Walsh

Co-Arts Ball Organiser: Cliona Ni Chathain

Ionadai Gaeilge: Orfhlaith Breathnach

OCM: Kristy Bree

Secretary: Hanne-mette Alsos Raae

Co-Arts Ball Organiser: John Devlin

Treasurer: Seagh MacSiurdain

Postgrad & IHSA Rep: Christina Folsom

OCM: Cliona Ni Shiurdain

OCM: Donal Ocathain

Committee 2012/2013

Secretary: Louise Collins

Treasurer: Sean Oduibhir

Irish Language Rep: Cliona Ni Shiurdain

OCM: Orfhlaith Breathnach

OCM: Hanne-mette Alsos Raae

Auditor: Donal Ocathain

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OCM: Cliona Ni Chathain

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	5,762.08	Affill/Mem fees	€53.80
Members Contributions	€2,005.00	Ball	€5,904.34
SocsBox Till	€740.00	Bank charge	€31.72
Sponsorship	€900.00	Dinner	€4,196.00
USC Grant	€23,139.33	Entry fees	€152.82
		Equipment misc	€158.00
		Euros	€3,441.58
		Materials	€163.35
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€114.25
		Printing	€2,555.43
		Promotions	€294.03
		Reception	€256.46
		Set	€268.62
		Society accommodation	€740.00
		Society transport	€3,202.12
		Sound	€300.00
		Speaker accommodation	€548.00
		Speaker travel	€1,021.75
		Teacher fees	€1,000.00
		Expenditure Total	€24,402.27
		Closing Bank Balance	€8,144.14
Total	€32,546.41	Total	€32,546.41

Arts Ball Balance Sheet - 2011/2012			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	6,365.39	Ball	€310.00
Fundraising	€1,145.35	Bank charge	€180.49
SocsBox Till	€17,330.00	Dinner	€15,747.50
Ticket Sales	€33,780.00	Entertainment	€5,942.00
		Equipment misc	€150.00
		Hire Bus	€450.00
		Materials	€2,131.63
		Printing	€587.61
		Promotions	€360.00
		Reception	€40.00
		Security	€3,885.00
		Society transport	€2,401.14
		SocsBox Till Refund	€150.00
		SocsBox Till Refund Manual	€150.00
		Sound	€5,146.50
		Speaker accommodation	€85.00
		Speaker travel	€724.74
		Expenditure Total	€38,441.61
		Closing Bank Balance	€20,179.13
Total	€58,620.74	Total	€58,620.74

Other Information

We held 43 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 639 members.

ALIVE

Cian Moran	Member	30 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	30 hours	

Dansoc

Dansoc is a committee which allows students to come along on a weekly basis to learn different type of dance including Irish Dancing, HipHop, Contemporary, Ballet, Salsa and Zumba. It is a great place to meet people and continue or create a love for different dancing styles. In an hour long class students get to meet up with fellow students and learn a new dance, while to advanced classes learn routines which are used when competing in the All Ireland Dancing Intervarsities which NUI Galway successfully held this year.

Dansoc Events

This year the society held a total of 150 events.

Contemporary Dance classes » *The Cube, Aras Na Mac Leinn* » 26th September 2011

Hip Hop Beginners Classes » *The Cube, Aras Na Mac Leinn* » 27th September – 18th October 2011 (4 individual events)

Salsa Classes » *The Cube, Aras Na Mac Leinn* » 28th September – 19th October 2011 (4 individual events)

Irish Dancing Beginners Classes » *The Cube Aras Na Mac Leinn* » 28th September – 23rd November 2011 (9 individual events)

Zumba Classes » *The Cube, Aras Na Mac Leinn* » 28th September – 19th October 2011 (4 individual events)

Dansoc E.G.M. » *Large Acoustic Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn* » 28th September 2011

If you would like to be involved with the running of the society please come along.

Ballet Classes » *The Cube, Aras Na Mac Leinn* » 4th October – 11th October 2011 (2 individual events)

Hip Hop Intermediate » *The Cube* » 4th October – 12th December 2011 (10 individual events)

Hip op class for those who have completed the beginners Hip Hop class.

Irish Dancing Beginners Classes » *The Cube Aras Na Mac Leinn* » 5th October 2011

Irish Dancing Intermediate Classes » *the Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn, NUIG* » 5th October 2011

Irish Dancing Advanced Classes » *The Stage* » 5th October 2011

Irish Dancing Intermediate Classes » *the Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn, NUIG* » 12th October 2011

Irish Dancing Advanced Classes » *The Stage* » 12th October 2011

Irish Dancing Beginners Classes » *the Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn, NUIG* » 12th October 2011

Irish Dancing Intermediate Classes » *the Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 19th October 2011

Irish Dancing Beginners Classes » *the stage aras na mac leinn* » 19th October 2011

Irish Dancing Advanced Classes » *The Stage* » 19th October 2011

Ballet Classes » *the cube, aras na mac leinn* » 1st November – 13th December 2011 (7 individual events)

Hip Hop Intermediate Classes » *the cube, aras na mac leinn* » 1st November – 13th December 2011 (7 individual events)

Hip Hop Beginners Classes » *the cube, aras na mac leinn* » 1st November – 13th December 2011 (7 individual events)

Salsa Classes » *the cube, aras na mac leinn* » 2nd November – 7th December 2011 (6 individual events)

Irish Dancing Intermediate Classes » *the Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn, NUIG* » 2nd November 2011

Irish Dancing Beginners Classes » *the Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn, NUIG* » 2nd November 2011

Irish Dancing Advanced Classes » *The Stage* » 2nd November 2011

Irish Dancing Advanced Classes » *The Stage* » 9th November 2011

Irish Dancing Beginners Classes » *the Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn, NUIG* » 9th November 2011

Irish Dancing Intermediate Classes » *the Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn, NUIG* » 9th November 2011

Dansoc Contemporary Class » *the cube* » 14th November 2011

Contemporary Class with Diarmuid

Irish Dancing Advanced Classes » *The Stage* » 16th November 2011

Irish Dancing Beginners Classes » *the Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 16th November 2011

Irish Dancing Intermediate Classes » *the Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn, NUIG* » 16th November 2011

Irish Dancing Intermediate Classes » *The Stage* » 30th November 2011

Irish Dancing Beginners Classes » *the Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn, NUIG* » 30th November 2011

Irish Dancing Advanced Classes » *The Stage* » 30th November 2011

Irish Dancing Beginners Classes » *the Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn, NUIG* » 7th December 2011

Irish Dancing Intermediate Classes » *the Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn, NUIG* » 7th December 2011

Irish Dancing Advanced Classes » *The Stage* » 7th December 2011

Beginners Hip Hop » *The Cube* » 17th January 2012

Intermediate Hip Hop » *The Cube* » 17th January 2012

Irish Dancing Beginners Classes » *The Cube* » 18th January 2012

Salsa Class » *The Cube* » 18th January 2012

Irish Dancing Advanced Class » *The Stage* » 18th January 2012

Irish Dancing Intermediate Class » *The Stage* » 18th January 2012

Zumba Class » *The Cube* » 18th January 2012

Beginners Hip Hop » *The Cube* » 24th January 2012

Intermediate Hip Hop » *Large Acoustic Room, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 24th January – 27th March 2012 (10 individual events)

Ballet » *Large Acoustic Room* » 24th January – 27th March 2012 (10 individual events)

Salsa Class » *The Cube* » 25th January 2012

Zumba Class » *The Cube* » 25th January 2012

Irish Dancing Intermediate Class » *The Stage* » 25th January 2012

Irish Dancing Advanced Class » *The Stage* » 25th January 2012

Irish Dancing Beginners Classes » *The Cube* » 25th January 2012

Irish Dancing Intermediate Class » *The Stage* » 1st February 2012

Irish Dancing Advanced Class » *The Stage* » 1st February 2012

Zumba Class » *The Cube* » 1st February 2012

Irish Dancing Beginners Classes » *The Cube* » 1st February 2012

Salsa Class » *The Cube* » 1st February 2012

Dance Intervarsity » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 29th February 2012

Dansoc are set to host the All Ireland Dance Intervarsities this Wednesday the 29th of February this year's competition is set to be bigger and better than ever with up to 12 colleges bringing their dancing skills to the floor of the Bailey Allen Hall Aras na Mac Leinn. Kicking off at 11.30am the competition will run all day until 5.30pm performances on the day will include Irish Dance, Jazz, Hip hop, Ballet, Contemporary and many more! Entry to the competition is free so come along for the show and support Dansoc as they take to the floor.

Irish Dancing Intermediate Class » *the stage* » 14th March – 28th March 2012 (3 individual events)

Zumba Class » *Large Acoustic Room, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 14th March – 28th March 2012 (3 individual events)

Salsa Class » *Large Acoustic Room, Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 14th March – 28th March 2012 (3 individual events)

Irish Dancing Advanced Class » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 14th March – 28th March 2012 (3 individual events)

Irish Dancing Beginners Classes » *LG Acoustic Room, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 14th March – 28th March 2012 (3 individual events)

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Michael Flanagan

Intervarsity Co-ordinator: Gillian Keady

PRO: Rachel King

Secretary: Olivia Lundy

Intervarsity Officer / OCM: Aoife Harris

Intervarsity Officer / OCM: Sarah Grogan

Vice-Auditor: Orla McHugh

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	869.72	Bank charge	€94.97
Bank Charge	€6.92	Costumes	€514.20
SocsBox Till	€2,686.00	Hall hire	€300.00
Sponsorship	€470.00	Set	€923.00
Ticket Sales	€1,290.00	Teacher fees	€3,855.00
USC Grant	€800	Video Hire	€200.00
		Expenditure Total	€5887.17
		Closing Bank Balance	€235.47
Total	€6,122.64	Total	€6,122.64

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 764 members.

ALIVE Participation

<u>Christina Grimsley</u>	Dancer	10 hours
<u>Bronagh O'Connor</u>	Dancer	30 hours
<u>Olivia Lundy</u>	Secretary and Dancer	30 hours
<u>Vanessa Farnan</u>	Dancer, Active Member	15 hours
<u>Tara Flannery</u>	Dancer	25 hours
<u>Sarah Grogan</u>	Intervarsities OCM	30 hours
<u>Sinead Healy</u>	Member	15 hours
<u>Diarmuid Scahill</u>	Intervarsities Competitor/ Contemporary Dance Teacher	40 hours
<u>Kira Weaver</u>	Member	15 hours
<u>Paul O'Mahony</u>	Photographer	15 hours
<u>Marie-camille Grangier</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Laura Reynolds</u>	Dancer	10 hours
# ALIVE Students:	12 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	245 hours	

DJ Soc

The DJ soc aims is to encourage a pleasant, informal learning environment for those who want to learn the art of DJing and production. We cater for every level of skill from the complete beginner to the expert disk jockey. We organise social events both on campus and off, as well as a trips to some of the finest clubs and music festivals in Europe.

DJ Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 77 events.

Annual Trip: Trip to Belgium 11th November to Brussels and Ghent we attended a One day DJ Event 16 members went

Open Decks Small Acoustic Thursdays 7pm – 9pm all year (24 events)

Witless We played at all the Witless band Competition heats and final in the college bar (8 events)

Music Week: 11th November in the Bailey Allen hall we played at the opening night of music Week as part of the International Food Fair which included live bands. (1 event)

Failte Fest: We played at the Failte Fest on the concourse in September to welcome the new students (1 event)

Guest Speakers: We hosted 2 guest speakers Graham Dolan and DJ Ciain both Galway based DJs (2 events)

Sexual Health Week: in semester 2 we played music, collected money and gave out health packs. (1 event)

Ableton Live course: we ran an Ableton Live Course Semester for the last 3 weeks in January in Aras na Mac Leinn 5euro entry teaching basics of producing a track 10 members attended. (3 events)

DJ Residency: Beirhaus Fortnightly sessions on Thursdays in the Beirhaus we hosted guest DJ Scott Ferguson from the US (12 events)

End of Semester Party: Christmas Party in Aras na Gael

End of Year Party: End of Year party in the Beirhaus

DJ Soc Weekly Meeting » large acoustic room, » 19th October – 14th December 2011 & every week semester 2 (18 individual events)

DJ Competition: DJ competition during the 4 Wednesdays in February. The winner won equipment & 2 nights playing in The Factory

Committee 2011/2012

Treasurer: Nathan Regan

Auditor: Gearoid O'Connor

Vice-Auditor: Colin Finnegan

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Gearoid O'Connor

Vice-Auditor: Nathan Regan

Treasurer: Kevin Kennedy

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,467.56	Bank charge	€38.58
Bank Charge	€4.17	Dinner	€60.00
Members Contributions	€1,482.00	Entry fees	€500.00
SocsBox Till	€562.50	Equipment misc	€1,873.60
USC Grant	€3620.23	Printing	€127.50
		Prizes	€262.00
		Reimbursed income/sales by society	€52.50
		Society accommodation	€1,482.00
		Society transport	€1,532.00
		Speaker accommodation	€280.00
		Speaker travel	€310.21
		Expenditure Total	€6,518.39
		Closing Bank Balance	€618.07
Total	€7136.46	Total	€7,136.46

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 514 members.

ALIVE Participation

<u>Kieran Durcan</u>	Photographer	10 hours
<u>Nathan Regan</u>	Treasurer	150 hours
# ALIVE Students:	2 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	160 hours	

Draiocht Society

In our opinion Draíocht is growing from strength to strength. Last summer the largest group of volunteers ever from this charity travelled to Nepal. Associated with this we saw a surge in enquiries into the charity and a general raised awareness of it's presence on campus. This increased exposure was very popular and manifested in several ways: large attendances at our information nights, popular well-attended fundraising events and another large group of volunteers for this summer.

Our strategy this year had two major ideas. The first was to recruit new, energetic students who were interested in volunteering. Building on our experiences from this year's volunteering we knew that we wanted to put in place a better structure for the volunteers in Nepal. As a result we limited places to 10 volunteers a month and recommended a 4 week stay. Therefore we had 3 general groups-one for June, July and August.

Our second major strategy was to promote Draiocht to all NUIG students. Our aim was to increase awareness of the charity and to welcome more members into the society.

Overall I believe that it was a successful year for Draiocht. We are still one of the smaller societies in NUIG and one of our weaknesses is that we fail to liaise with the larger societies. This is something we need to build on next year.

Draiocht Events

This year the society held a total of 9 events.

Bake Sale » *Outside LLT CSI » 25th October 2011*

Bake Sale in Aid of Draíocht Nepal All proceeds go to charity

Travellers Tales » *MacMunn Theatre (Concourse) » 7th November 2011*

Info night for prospective volunteers.

Past volunteers will be telling everyone about their experiences and we will also be answering any questions people have.

We will also be signing people up for interviews that will be held later that week.

Heading to College Bar straight after for a night out! Free food and pre-registered drink!

All Welcome!

Draiocht Meeting » *The View, Aras Ne Mac Linn » 10th January 2012*

Draiocht Interviews » *small acoustic room Aras na mac leinn » 11th January 2012*

Interviews for people hoping to volunteer this summer

Draiocht Meeting » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn » 16th January 2012*

Glitter and Glam Event » *Halo nightclub » 19th January*

Non Profit fundraising event in Halo nightclub, Galway. Tickets 6 euro available in SocsBox

Nepali Language Class » *aras na mac leinn (beside the college bar) » 9th May 2012*

Melaine Hennessy, founder of Draiocht, will give a basic language course to all volunteers.

Pre-departure Workshop » *aras na mac leinn - acoustic room two! » 18th May 2012*

This is an orientation workshop for our volunteers who will be travelling to Nepal this Summer. It includes practical travel advice, safety and advice on what to do when at the orphanage.

Comedy Night » *Garvey's Pub, Eyre Square. » 24th May 2012*

A fundraiser event for Draíocht Society

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Colm Brassil

Schools Officer 1: Elizabeth Hurley

Treasurer: Siobhan Sumption

PR1: Aoibheann Browne

PR2: Ciara Joy

Vice-Auditor: Rachel Wallace

Secretary: Anna Kelly

Schools Officer 2: Colm Harrington

PR2: Eileen Donlan

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	14,580.89	Bank charge	€112.51
Balls	€2,278.54	Dinner	€302.93
Fundraising	€31,456.21	Fundraising/charity	€8,153.80
SocsBox Till	€3,024.00	Reception	€90.00
Sponsorship	€200.00	Expenditure Total	€8,659.24
USC Grant	€1,000.00	Closing Bank Balance	€43,880.40
Total	€52,539.64	Total	€52,539.64

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 238 members.

ALIVE Participation

<u>Eimear Daly</u>	Volunteer, Fundraiser	10 hours
<u>Anna Kelly</u>	Secretary	60 hours
<u>Rachel Wallace</u>	Auditor	95 hours
<u>Kate Barrett</u>	Volunteer	234
# ALIVE Students:	3 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	399 hours	

Dramsoc

This year, Dramsoc increased their membership from under 400 to over 1000. As well as allowing the society to promote the society on a larger scale within the university, it also meant our recognition as a large college for the ISDA Festival. As such, we sent three plays up to UCD for this years ISDA Festival.

The committee held 22 meetings between June and March. We held a large variety of events this year. We put on 14 productions during term time, with two in rehearsal and waiting to be performed. As stated, three of these were revived for ISDA. Two of our productions were dance based, and two were collaborations. We collaborated with GUMS and did The Rocky Horror Show as a charity event and we collaborated with Femsoc and put on the Vagina Monologues.

We were involved in the Jerome Hynes One Act play series which consisted of eight one acts this year. We put on a number of various workshops that dealt with many areas of theatre from acting to lighting to costumes. We also brought members to see plays in the Town Hall theatre in Galway and also up to Dublin to see shows in the Dublin Theatre Festival in October. We held social events such as the Halloween and Christmas party, Odds and Ends variety show and a Fun and Games night. We

added three new positions to our constitution: Props and Stage Manager, Costumes Master/Mistress and Costume Assistant.

At our AGM, we split the role of PRO into two positions - Physical PRO and Virtual PRO due to the work load that this position involves. We also voted to edit the phrasing of some committee positions in order to clarify the duties involved with that position.

We invested our capital expenditure in a fully stocked makeup box for productions and in tools for set construction.

Dramsoc Events

This year the society held a total of 115 events.

Dramsoc Audition Gala! Day 1 » *The Cube, Aras Na Mac Léinn* » 20th September 2011

Everybody is welcome! No experience necessary. We will be auditioning for all the Semester 1 plays! Come along to the Cube at 6:30pm to find out from the directors what their play is about. Then you can have a look at the audition pieces and try your hand at a few parts!

Dramsoc Audition Gala! Day 2 » *The Cube, Aras na Mac Léinn* » 21st September 2011

Workshop with Julian Boal » *The Space Aras na Mac Leinn* » 30th September 2011

Free to Dramsoc members the chance to discover more about Theatre of the Oppressed with Julian Boal the son of Augusto Boal the founder of TO. Julian Boal is the leading practitioner in Theatre of the Oppressed techniques. Places are limited so sign up at the socsbox.

Directing Workshop » *Meeting Rooms, Aras Na Mac Leinn (upstairs)* » 3rd October 2011

Ever thought about directing? Come along to our first directing workshop of the semester and give it a go!

Dramsoc are opening submissions for semester 2 in just a few weeks - so use this opportunity to learn what it means to be a director and how to go about directing a production! No previous experience required.

Staged and Confused » *Meeting Rooms, Aras Na MacLeinn* » 5th October 2011

Join Dramsoc for our weekly theatre games and improv night in the Meeting Rooms. As well as meeting new people, you will learn how to think on your feet, create sketches and along the way, have some fun! Feel free to come along and watch - even if you don't want to get involved!

How Actors Play - Acting Workshop with Louis Lovett » *TBC* » 5th October 2011

Theatre Lovett co-founder Louis Lovett will take you through the actor's journey on stage: how to take hold of the moment you are in, how to look forward to the moment coming next and, most importantly, how to look back to the moments of play that audiences can learn from and remember. Louis Lovett is Ireland's most experienced and critically acclaimed performer for children.

He is currently performing in *B for Baby*, which Dramsoc are going to see this Thursday!

Dramsoc Trip to B for Baby » *Town Hall Theatre Galway* » 6th October 2011

Produced by the Abbey Theatre, 'B for Baby' is touring to the Town Hall Theatre and on Thursday, October 6th, Dramsoc are offering tickets for just ?5 for the show and post-show talk-back for members! Winner Irish Times Awards Best New Play 2010. Directed by Mikel Murfi and originally commissioned by Theatre Lovett.

Trip to Ulster Bank Dublin Theatre Festival » *Dublin* » 7th October – 9th October 2011 (3 individual events)

This weekend, Dramsoc are heading to Dublin for the Ulster Bank Dublin Theatre Festival in Dublin, armed with free tickets for members!

Tickets for: *The Lulu House* - 9pm on Friday, *Rian* - 2pm on Saturday, *Testament* - 7.30pm on Saturday

You get accommodation for two nights in Dublin, return travel and a free ticket for a play, all for the price of 30 euro!

We will be getting the Citylink bus at 4.15pm on Friday and coming home on Sunday on Citylink. We are staying in a hostel just off Temple Bar! :) Sign-up in the SocsBox! Limited places available! Check out the full programme: <http://dublintheatrefestival.com/>

Play Club » *The Space, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 11th October 2011

Play Club is a rehearsal and book club-style discussion group, which meets twice a month to read, enjoy and discuss plays!

Play Club is a chance to read scripts and discuss them, with an eye to producing them! If you are interested in drama, directing or meeting a few new people, pop along for tea and a chat!

Scribblers is FREE and starts this week! FREE tea and biscuits!

Auditions for Original Play » *The Space* » 11th October 2011

The untitled production written by Shaun Leonard and Conor Hooper will not only be performed in late November, but the process, from auditions to stage will be filmed for a Dram Soc documentary. Scripts will be left in the SocsBox computer suite on the day, as well as outside the auditions. hope to see you guys then! All welcome.

Staged and Confused » *meeting room 1 (upstairs in Aras Na MacLeinn)* » 12th October 2011

Lighting Workshop » *Bank of Ireland Theatre* » 13th October 2011

Come along to the Bank of Ireland Theatre for our first lighting workshop! We will be explaining how the lighting system works in the theatre and also will be talking about the various plays this semester and assigning people to different productions! :)

Baboro: Stories told through Movement and Objects » *the Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 17th October 2011

As part of the Baboro International Arts Festival for Children, Bruno Cappagli will offer a masterclass, entitled 'Stories told through Movement and Objects'.

The masterclass is free for Dramsoc members! Check the SocsBox to see if there are any spaces left.

Cappagli is the Director of L'elefantino and founder of La Baracca Theatre Company, Italy.

L'elefantino will then perform in the Cube later that week

Staged and Confused » *meeting room 1 (upstairs in Aras Na MacLeinn)* » 19th October 2011

Make-up Workshop » *bank of ireland theatre* » 24th October 2011

Come along to our first make-up workshop of the year!

We will be looking at make-up for the Rocky Horror Picture Show, and will be talking about getting involved with our upcoming productions!

Note: you must sign up at the SocsBox to attend!

Auditions for Hamlet--All-Female Cast » *the Art Room* » 24th October 2011

Auditions are being held for Hamlet, featuring an all-female cast from 3-6pm. Come alone and release your inner thespian.

Dramsoc Presents Tainted Love » *bank of ireland theatre* » 25th October – 27th October 2011 (3 individual events)

This is not a story of boy meets girl. It's what comes afterwards.

Dramsoc's first play of the year is being staged from the 25th-27th at 8pm in the Bank of Ireland Theatre (beside the college bar).

Tickets are ?3. All are welcome.

Physical Theatre with Mikel Murfi » *Town Hall Theatre* » 28th October 2011

Dramsoc are delighted to welcome one of Ireland's leading directors Mikel Murfi, to Galway for what should be an amazing workshop.

Mikel's directing credits include B for Baby, Penelope, Arrah-na-Pogue and The Walworth Farce.

The workshop will be taking place at 10am - 1pm on Friday the 28th of October.

There will also be a Question and Answer session with Mikel led by Patrick Lonergan between 1 - 2pm which is open to everyone

Fright Night Hallowe'en Party » *The Cellar bar* » 31st October 2011

Dramsoc's hallowe'en party is kicking off in style at 8pm Downstairs in the Cellar.

With a DJ, drink promotions and food, it's gonna be one hell of a night!

Come dressed to impress, as it's hallowe'en!

Staged and Confused » *meeting room 1 (upstairs in Aras Na MacLeinn)* » 2nd November 2011

King Lear Auditions » *art room* » 3rd November 2011

Auditions for King Lear are being held in The Art Room from 2-4pm. Auditions pieces will be supplied on the day.

Dramsoc and GUMS present The Rocky Horror Show » *bank of ireland theatre* » 3rd November 2011

Dramsoc and Gums bring you The Rocky Horror Show, the musical that inspired the iconic film.

With songs like The Time Warp, Damn it, Janet and Touch-a Touch me, it's sure to be a show to remember.

Dramsoc and GUMS present The Rocky Horror Show » *bank of ireland theatre* » 4th November 2011

Dramsoc and Gums bring you The Rocky Horror Show, the musical that inspired the iconic film.

King Lear Auditions » *the Art Room* » 7th November 2011

If you missed it on Thursday, don't worry. We have another chance for you to be part of one of Shakespeare's most famous works.

Dramsoc's production of King Lear will be auditioning in The Art Room on Monday, November 7th from 2pm.

Introduction to Costume Design » *Art Gallery, NUIG Quadrangle* » 9th November – 16th November 2011 (4 individual events)

Interested in Costume and Make-up?

Starting on Wednesday, 9th of November, Dramsoc will be running an introductory course to costume design!

The course will run over a three week period, where students will work with a professional costume designer, to create costumes for an upcoming Dramsoc production! The course is FREE! All materials will be provided by the society.

Please sign up in the SocsBox to attend!

Dramsoc Presents This is Where We Came In » *bank of ireland theatre* » 9th November – 11th November 2011 (3 individual events)

Dramsoc Proudly presents This is Where We Came In, a play by Alan Ayckbourn.

Tickets are 5 euro, and are available on the door, or at the SocsBox.

Show begins at 8pm, and runs from Wednesday to Friday.

Staged and Confused » *meeting room 1 (upstairs in Aras Na MacLeinn)* » 9th November 2011

Dramsoc Presents: Rewind » *Bank of Ireland Theatre* » 15th November – 18th November 2011 (4 individual events)

Rewind by Claudia O' Sullivan is a story told through music and dance about the choices we make and how they affect not only ourselves but the people around us. Ticets ?5/?8.

Costume and Make-up Design » *Art Gallery, The Quadrangle* » 16th November 2011

Interested in Costume and Make-up?

Starting on Wednesday, 9th of November, Dramsoc will be running an introductory course to costume design!

Staged and Confused » *meeting room 1 (upstairs in Aras Na MacLeinn)* » 16th November 2011

White Balance » *The Cube, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 21st November 2011

An original one act play about kings and sacrifice preceded by a documentary on the making of a play. Written, directed by and starring Shaun Leonard. Tickets ?5/ ?8 available from the SocsBox.

Staged and Confused » *meeting room 1 (upstairs in Aras Na MacLeinn)* » 23rd November 2011

Morning After Optimism » *Druid Theatre* » 24th November 2011

A surreal fantasy, 'The Morning After Optimism' is about false hopes and the death of illusions which impair our ability to deal with reality...

Druid Lane Theatre November 24-26 Tickets: 5/8

Morning After Optimism » *Druid Theatre* » 25th November 2011

Dramsoc Presents: The Morning After Optimism » *Druid Lane Theatre* » 26th November 2011

Dramsoc Presents Delirium » *bank of ireland theatre* » 1st December – 3rd December 2011 (3 individual events)

Dramsoc present Delirium by Enda Walsh. The Karamazovs are a train wreck waiting to happen. A hated father and his sons battle it out over women, money and God.

Thursday 1st-Saturday 3rd December 8pm Bank of Ireland Theatre Tickets ?5/?8

Christmas Party » *The Drum Bar, beside Carbon* » 16th December 2011 Come along to the last Dramsoc party of the year, which is sure to be an epic night out. The night begins in the Drum Bar, which is just to the right of Carbon at 10pm. There will be drink promotions on the night, and a hell of a lot of fun. Merry Christmas!

Socs Day » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 10th January 2012

Come along to our table on Socs day for Free Stuff and Info on our plans for this Semester and how to get involved!

EGM » *The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 10th January 2012

Interested in getting involved with the Dramsoc committee?

Dramsoc Auditions » *bank of ireland theatre* » 11th January 2012

No experience necessary ? all scripts provided on the night!

More info on the plays in the next email!

Auditions for One Act Play Series » *aras na mac leinn* » 11th January 2012

Auditions for Original One Act Play series will take place in Aras na Mac Leinn On Wednesday 11th.

No previous Experience is required and Scripts will be supplied on the day.

Dramsoc Presents The Hero Returns » *bank of ireland theatre* » 17th January – 21st January 2012 (5 individual events)

A well-worn man sits alone in something that thought it may once have been a cabin. The dust settles, the clock's arm ticks ever forward and somewhere down the long lonely road our hero returns.

A darkly comic, absurdist piece written by local playwright and NUI alumna, Meadhbh Haiceid.

Tuesday 17th-Saturday 21st January. Tickets ?5/?8 8pm Bank of Ireland Theatre.

Staged and Confused » *Meeting Rooms, Upstairs Aras na Mac Leinn* » 18th January 2012

Odds and Ends: Variety Show » *bank of ireland theatre* » 25th January 2012

Odds and Ends is for one night only! It's a variety show, and when we say variety, we mean VARIETY!

The show starts at 8pm in the Bank of Of Ireland Theatre (beside the college bar)

Staged and Confused » *meeting room 1 (upstairs in Aras Na MacLeinn)* » 25th January 2012 Our Weekly theatre games and improv night.

Dramsoc Presents: Reasons to be Pretty » *bank of ireland theatre* » 1st February – 3rd February 2012

"reasons to be pretty" is a story about ordinary people constantly seeking something more than what they have whether it be beauty, a better job or simply validation of the choices they've made.

Wednesday 1st February-Friday 3rd 8pm Tickets are e5/e8

Staged and Confused » *meeting room 1 (upstairs in Aras na MacLeinn)* » 1st February 2012

Staged and Confused » *meeting room 1 (upstairs in Aras Na MacLeinn)* » 8th February 2012

Dramsoc Presents The Clean House » *bank of ireland theatre* » 9th February – 11th February 2012 (3 individual events)

Sarah Ruhl's The Clean House is set in 'metaphysical Connecticut' or a place not far from the city and not far from the sea. The Clean House is a humorous look at class, comedy, and the nature of love. Thursday February 9th and Friday 10th at 8pm, Saturday February 11th at 2pm, Bank of Ireland Theatre, Tickets 5/8

Auditions for The Waves » *bailey allen hall* » 13th February 2012

Auditions take place in the Bailey Allen Hall today for The Waves. From 11-2pm

Dramsoc Presents Hollywood » *Bank of ireland theatre* » 15th February 2012

Hollywood is an original play with stakes as old as time.

Wednesday 15th, Friday 17th and Saturday 18th February 8pm Bank of Ireland Theatre Tickets €5/?8

Auditions for Riders to the Sea » *the art room, aras na mac leinn* » 15th February 2012

'Riders to the Sea', the one-act play by J.M.Synge is auditioning on Wednesday 15th February at 2.30-5pm and again on Friday 17th from 12.30 until 3. Audition pieces will be handed out on the day.

Staged and Confused » *meeting room 1 (upstairs in Aras Na MacLeinn)* » 15th February 2012

Dramsoc Presents Hollywood » *bank of ireland theatre* » 17th February – 18th February 2012 (2 individual events)

Auditions for Riders to the Sea » *The art room, aras na mac leinn* » 17th February 2012

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Staged and Confused » *meeting room 1 (upstairs in Aras Na MacLeinn)* » 22nd February 2012

Dramsoc and Femsoc present: The Vagina Monologues » *the Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 27th February – 28th February 2012 (2 individual events)

The Vagina Monologues, written by Eve Ensler, is a hilarious and heartbreaking performance that seeks to raise awareness about violence against women.

The Cube, Aras na Mac Leinn. Monday and Tuesday at 7pm Tickets ?5/?8. All Proceeds go to the Galway Rape Crisis centre.

Dramsoc Proudly Presents: Hamlet » *bank of ireland theatre* » 29th February – 3rd March 2012 (4 individual events)

Eleven actors want to tell you a story.

Wednesday to Saturday, 8pm, Bank of Ireland Theatre, Tickets ?5/?8

Staged and Confused » *meeting room 1 (upstairs in Aras Na MacLeinn)* » 7th March 2012

Odds and Ends: Variety Show » *Bank of Ireland Theatre* » 7th March 2012

Dramsoc's very own Odds and Ends Variety show is back!

Dramsoc Presents: The Waves » *Bank of Ireland Theatre* » 13th March – 15th March 2012 (3 individual events)

A story by Hannah O'Reilly told through dance, showing how human nature and nature itself are one in the same.

March 13-15th 8pm, Bank of Ireland Theatre Tickets ?5/?8

Staged and Confused » *AC202* » 14th March 2012

Dramsoc Presents: The Waves » *BOI Theatre* » 14th March – 15th March 2012 (2 individual events)

Staged and Confused » *meeting room 1 (upstairs in Aras Na MacLeinn)* » 21st March 2012

Scribblers » *aras na mac leinn -The Space* » 4th October 2011

Scribblers is a playwrighting and theatre skills programme where you can learn about how theatre works and how to create your own! No previous playwrighting experience is necessary!

Scribblers is FREE and starts this week! FREE tea and biscuits! Contact dramsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie for more details!

Fun and Games Night » *bank of ireland theatre* » 19th October 2011

Dramsoc are holding a Fun and Games night in the Bank of Ireland Theatre from 7 on Wednesday.

Have the craic with such childhood classics as Twister, Jenga, Board Games like Cluedo, Monopoly and stuff your face with cakes, Chocolates and all that jazz.

Dramsoc Auditions for "Hospitality Suite" by Roger Rueff » *The View, Aras Na MacLeinn* » 15th December 2011

Auditions will take place on: Thursday, 2pm to 5.30pm and Friday, 2pm to 6.30pm

There are three male characters in the play PHIL, LARRY and BOB. Directed by David Burke.

AGM » *bank of ireland theatre* » 26th March 2012 So if you're interested in being part of the committee next year, or just want to pop along for the fun, come to the AGM this Monday at 6 in the Bank of Ireland Theatre!

Auditions for The Importance of Being Earnest » *Art Room* » 9th February 2012

Auditions take place on Wednesday from 12-2 and Thursday from 3-5 in the Small acoustic room in ?ras na Mac Léinn.

"The Importance of Being Earnest" is Oscar Wilde's most well-known and best loved play.

Dramsoc Trip: The Crucible » *Town Hall Theatre, Galway.* » 13th September 2011

DRAMSOC are going to see The Keegan Theatre Company's production of 'The Crucible', by Arthur Miller, on Tuesday, the 13th of September in the Town Hall Theatre.

A limited number of ?5 tickets are available for Dramsoc members.

Tickets are available at the SocsBox. Members wishing to buy these tickets must do so before 5pm on Monday, 12th of September.

Dramsoc Presents: Riders to the Sea » *bank of ireland theatre* » 28th March – 31st March 2012 (4 individual events)

What can one woman do when faced with the unbending will of the elements?

Wednesday 18th-Saturday 31st, 8pm, Bank of Ireland Theatre, Tickets e5/e8

Staged and Confused » *meeting room 1 (upstairs in Aras Na MacLeinn)* » 28th March 2012

Scribblers » *The Space* » 18th October 2011

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Scribblers is FREE and there's tea and biscuits for extra incentive! Contact dramsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie for more details!

Questions and Answers Session with Mikel Murfi » *Town Hall Theatre, Galway* » 28th October 2011

NUIG Dramsoc will be hosting a Q and A session with one of Ireland's leading theatre directors Mikel Murfi, in the Town Hall theatre bar on Friday the 29th from 1pm to 2pm. The event is open to the public so everyone is welcome to come along. The session will be led by Patrick Lonergan.

Dramsoc and GUMS present The Rocky Horror Show » *bank of ireland theatre* » 3rd November 2011

Dramsoc and Gums bring you The Rocky Horror Show, the musical that inspired the iconic film.

Original One-Act--White Balance » *the Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 21st November 2011

For King...and Country. For ONE-NIGHT ONLY, catch this original one-act play, written and directed by Shaun Leonard.

So be there, 8.30pm Monday 21st, in The Cube. Tickets are ?5/8

Dramsoc Presents: Proof » *bank of ireland theatre* » 3rd April – 5th April 2012 (3 individual events)

Proof is the winner of the 2001 Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

Tuesday 3rd - Thursday 5 April, 8pm, Bank of Ireland Theatre, Tickets ?5/?8

Auditions for The Last Burning, touring with ThisIsBear! Theatre Company » *aras na mac leinn* » 23rd April – 26th April 2012 (4 individual events)

Auditions for the National Tour of Patrick Galvin's The Last Burning, a play about fear, suspicion and witchcraft.

Auditions take place: Monday 11-3, Tuesday 11-4, Thursday 12-5

Writing Workshop » *bank of ireland theatre* » 25th April 2012

Thomas Conway, a Druid Theatre Company playwright and also a Theatre and Performance teacher of the BAs and MAs, has very kindly agreed to host a play-writing workshop with those of us in Dramsoc and Writers' Soc and ANYONE ELSE AT ALL who would like to come along. The place is the BOI Theatre. The times are 11am - 5pm

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Neasa O'Callaghan

Treasurer: Oisín Robbins

Events Officer: Oryana Farrell-Hickey

Head Technician: Ronan Gallagher

Webmaster: John O'Malley

Student Developments Officer: Laura Clancy

Assistant Costume Mistress: Meghan Smyth

Props & Stage Manager: Aine Cahalan

Vice-Auditor: Darren Coppinger

Secretary: Claudia O'Sullivan

Productions Officer: Paul O'Mahony

ISDA Representative: David Holland

Public Relations Officer: Mairead Scahill

Costume Mistress: Shannon Maguire

First Year Rep: Christopher Moran

OCM: Roisin Moore

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Aine Cahalan

Treasurer: Ronan Gallagher

Productions Officer: Michael Power

Physical PRO: Roisin Moore

Events Officer: David Holland

Costume Mistress: Meghan Smyth

Props and Stage Manager: Oryana Farrell-Hickey

Vice-Auditor: Claudia O'Sullivan

Secretary: Kori Kilduff

Cyber PRO: Christopher Moran

ISDA Rep: Emily Murray

SDO: Hannah O'Reilly

Assistant Costume Mistress: Pamela Joyce

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	915.12	Affill/Mem fees	€1,180.00
Bank Charge	€950.16	Bank charge	€157.31
Fundraising	€320.00	Costumes	€252.84
SocsBox Till	€5,665.00	Entertainment	€1,422.50
Sponsorship	€959.80	Entry fees	€360.00
Ticket Sales	€597.82	Equipment misc	€2,357.33
USC Grant	€19,334.31	Fundraising/charity	€900.00
		Hoodies	€480.00
		Lights	€926.76
		Makeup/Props	€1,686.51
		Materials	€2,628.43
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€17.78
		Performing rights	€2,906.11
		Printing	€100.00
		Prizes	€1,000.00
		Promotions	€275.00
		Reception	€530.00
		Set	€2,794.03
		Society accommodation	€2,570.51
		Society transport	€2,441.44
		SocsBox Till Refund	€38.00
		SocsBox Till Refund Manual	€4.00
		Speaker travel	€882.04
		Teacher fees	€1,362.00
		Expenditure Total	€27,272.59
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,469.62
Total	€28,742.21	Total	€28,742.21

Other Information

We held 26 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 1010 members.

ALIVE Participation

<u>Shaun Leonard</u>	Performer/Writer/Director	270 hours
<u>Sinead Jordan</u>	Actor, Stage Hand	192 hours
<u>Oryana Farrell-Hickey</u>	Events Officer	500 hours
<u>David Holland</u>	ISDA Rep.	655 hours
<u>Christopher Moran</u>	First Year Representative & actor in 2 productions	400 hours
<u>Neasa O'Callaghan</u>	Auditor	1500 hours
<u>Eoin Butler Thornton</u>	Actor/Director	135 hours
<u>Ruth Darcy</u>	Participator	252 hours
<u>Samuel Ferry</u>	Director, Producer, Actor	429 hours
<u>Jason Browne</u>	Staged and Confused Coordinator	60 hours

<u>Meghan Smyth</u>	OCM, Actor, Front of House, Make-up, Auditions	250 hours
<u>Emmet Byrne</u>	Member	188 hours
<u>Roisin Moore</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	170 hours
<u>Conor Burke</u>	Fundraiser and Volunteer	165 hours
<u>Michael Power</u>	Actor/ Director	400 hours
<u>Ciara Moyna</u>	Producer, Props	30 hours
<u>Mairead Scahill</u>	Public Relations Officer, etc	450 hours
<u>Sean Kearns</u>	Actor	100 hours
<u>Hazel Doyle</u>	Producer	90 hours
<u>Niamh O'Brien</u>	Actress	100 hours
<u>Paul O'Mahony</u>	Productions Offcier	600 hours
<u>Oisin Robbins</u>	Treasurer, Director, Actor, Front of House	605 hours
<u>Darren Coppinger</u>	Vice-Auditor	1500 hours
<u>Kamile Jucyte</u>	Volunteer	50 hours
<u>Hannah O'Reilly</u>	Set designer, Actor, MD, Writer, Director, Choreographer	450 hours
<u>Katie Van Winkle</u>	Actor	155 hours
<u>Colum Wedel</u>	Auditionee, Audience Member, Actor, Stagehand	135 hours
<u>Eimear Durnin</u>	Volunteered backstage and in a show	60 hours
<u>Pamela Joyce</u>	Actor	90 hours
<u>Ryan Field</u>	Actor	92 hours
<u>Robert Higgins</u>	Volunteer for theater week	45 hours
<u>Ronan Gallagher</u>	Head Technician, Technician, Set Builder	1400 hours
<u>Fergal O'Hanlon</u>	Volunteer & Actor	50 hours
<u>Aoife Noone</u>	Actor , Stage Hand and Front of House.	300 hours
<u>Orla Joyce</u>	Acting in The Freshers Play	162 hours
# ALIVE Students:	35 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	12030 hours	

Ecology Soc

This year the Ecology society was involved with a diverse number off campus projects. Our members attended meetings/conferences/trips to: a Conference on Issues in Modern Social Movements; the first Green Campus Colloquium; Education (FEE - Free Education for Everyone); and the Rosspport solidarity camp.

On campus projects our members were involved with includeed the Green Campus coloumns in each edition of Sin; Green Week in February; the development of a number of Explore initiatives - including The Campus Tree Tour and GUSTO (Galway University Sustainable Transport Options).

Ecosoc was very proud to screen the Irish premier of 'The Real Social Network' as part of our regular documentary screenings on environmental issues.

But, by far the largest Ecosoc project was 'An Mheitheal Rothar' which won one of the NUIG student enterprise awards and will over the summer establish a community run not for profit bike workshop which will act as a practical facility for people to use as well as having a strong focus on teaching people how to repair and maintain their cycles.

Ecology Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 15 events.

2nd Meeting to help co-ordinate events for Green Week » Boardroom of the Ryan Institute. » 24th January 2012

2nd Meeting to help co-ordinate events for Green Week

Meeting to help co-ordinate events for Green Week » Boardroom of the Ryan Institute. » 17th January 2012

Meeting to help co-ordinate events for Green Week.

Ecosoc EGM (Eggstra-ordinary general meeting) » The Hub » 18th October 2011

Come along to the hub and discuss plans and events for the year, such as Ecosoc's November trip to Galway's "Little Cinema", up and coming documentaries and loadsa fun stuff!! Elect the committee members and munch on some pizza!! All welcome. :)

Documentary: The end of the line » *cairnes theatre (bank of ireland)* » 25th October 2011

'End of the line' is the widely acclaimed 2009 documentary about the very real and measured consequences of human behavior on the fish stocks of the world. Guest speaker and discussion follow. In conjunction with Marine Soc. All welcome!!

Screening: The Real Social Network » *The Cairnes Theatre, NUIG. (Beside the Bank of Ire. on the Concourse)* » 8th November 2011 Ecosoc and FEE Galway have joined up with the international student movement and as part of screenings across the UK and Ireland between the 1st and 8th of November the The Real Social Network, we will have the first screening in Ireland right here in NUIG next Tuesday!

Ecosoc meeting » *The Hub* » 28th February 2012

Hope everybody enjoyed Greenweek! Come along to the Hub for tea, biscuits and a chat, we will be discussing plans for the remainder of the semester....movies, documentaries, trips and workshops. Everybody welcome :)

AGM - Food, drinks and party! » *Starting in the college bar* » 29th March 2012

Its about time we sampled our homebrew! :) Meeting in the college bar 7pm, from there into town for free food and refreshments. Chat about summer plans and events like our proposed trip to the permaculture gathering in August. We will also be electing the committee for next year.

Screening of Eco-Pirate: the story of Paul Watson » *O' Flaherty Theatre* » 13th February 2012

Screening of Eco-Pirate: the story of Paul Watson as part of Green Week with a short discussion with a member of the Sea Shephard Conservation Society afterwards.

Off the beaten track Cycle » *Cycling tour of the Castlegar/Menlo cycle routes.* » 26th February 2012

Off the beaten track Cycle organised with Brendan Smith for the mature International student society.

Green Week Tree Planting Opening Ceremony » *The Green Beside the River Just North of the Bridge* » 13th February 2012

Green Week Fruit Tree Planting Opening Ceremony, 6 trees including varieties of apple and plum.

Screening of 'A Farm for the Future?' » *The Stage* » 14th February 2012

A Screening of about permaculture skills brought to you by The Ecology Society and the Organic Gardening Society as part of Green Week.

Trip to Conference on Social Movements. » *NUI Maynooth* » 26th November 2011

Committee trip to conference on social movements.

Trip to Rosspport » *Rosspport, Co Mayo.* » 7th October – 9th October 2011 (3 individual events)

Trip to Rosspport to learn about the resistance and experiences of the community over the last 10 years.

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Paul O'Donnell

Treasurer: Sarit O'Donovan

Secretary: Mary Greene

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Paul O'Donnell

Treasurer: Sarit O'Donovan

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Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	35.27	Bank charge	€24.55
SocsBox Till	€20.00	Dinner	€120.00
USC Grant	€2,300.00	Equipment misc	€289.99
		Materials	€250.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€35.00
		Society transport	€500.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,219.54
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,135.73
Total	€2,355.27	Total	€2,355.27

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 154 members.

ALIVE

Paul O'Donnell	Auditor	530 hours
Mary Greene	Social and environmental justice coordinator	60 hours
# ALIVE Students:	2 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	590 hours	

Economics Society

Our aim is to provide a forum for students interested in economics and to bring speakers and events to campus to further foster this interest.

Economics Society Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

EGM » *aras na mac leinn - meeting room 2* » 29th September 2011

Come along to our first meeting as the NEW Economics Society! Come share your ideas this Thursday the 29th,

IOUSA film » *McMunn Theater, Concourse then Busker Brownes* » 17th October 2011

We'll be meeting up to watch documentary IOUSA in the McMunn Theater at 7 o'clock tonight, followed by discussion in the back room at Busker Brownes. Everyone is welcome-come learn about and discuss US national debt and how it relates to Ireland.

Movie Night - A Beautiful Mind » *No suggestions found* » 7th November 2011

Biopic of the famed mathematician and economist John Nash (of Nash equilibrium) and his lifelong struggles with his mental health. Will take place in McMunn theatre (at the end of the concourse near smokies).

IRELAND'S BAILOUT BIRTHDAY » *McMunn Theatre* » 14th November 2011

Speakers Dr. Aidan Kane and Dr. Srinivas Raghavendra will be discussing the advantages and disadvantages of the IMF bailout loan.

Why the Meltdown Should Have Surprised No One by Peter Schiff » *McMunn Theatre* » 21st November 2011

For our last event of semester two, we'll be to meeting to watch and discuss "Why the Meltdown Should Have Surprised No One" by Peter Schiff, a lecture available online. We'll also be happy to hear about any events you'd like to see happening in semester 2 afterwards!

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Roman Sadowski

Vice-Auditor: Enda Glynn

Treasurer: Keith Patterson

PRO: Phoebe Balkin

Secretary: Catherine Swift

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€235.49	Bank charge	€5.47
USC Grant	€500.00	Dinner	€9.00
Total	€735.49	Entry fees	€115.00
		Reception	€18.40
		Society transport	€35.00
		Expenditure Total	€182.87
		Closing Bank Balance	€552.62
		Total	€735.49

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 207 members.

Energy Society

The mission statement of the Energy Society is "Using fact-based discussion & open collaboration to develop the understanding & awareness of energy production, consumption & its impacts". We aim to bring students and staff who are working in or interested in any area of "energy" together to participate in a fact-based discussion on energy-related topics. We encourage collaboration between researchers in all departments at NUI Galway and aim to enhance the public perception of NUI Galway as a centre for energy research.

Energy Society Events

This year the society held a total of 8 events.

Free Pizza from Energy Society » *College Bar » 4th October 2011*

Come along to the back room of the College Bar to meet Energy Soc, the society that brings together students from ALL departments, schools, colleges and backgrounds who have an interest in ENERGY.

Energy Soc Movie Night "Who Killed the Electric Car" » *Large Acoustic Room, Aras na Mac Leinn » 28th November 2011*

Join the NUIG Energy Society for a viewing of "Who Killed the Electric Car", the riveting story of the reasons behind the initial failure of electric vehicles even in times of skyhigh fuel prices. Discussion will continue in the College Bar afterwards.

NUIG Energy Night 2012 - Panel Discussion » *Bailey Allen Hall, NUI Galway » 6th March 2012*

At 6 p.m the centrepiece of NUIG Energy Night, the Panel Discussion entitled "Putting Energy to Work for Ireland" will commence. RT's "The Business" presenter George Lee will moderate the discussion that features CEOs and founders of Irish companies including Gabriel D'Arcy - CEO of Bord na Mona; Norman Crowley -founder of Crowley Carbon; Alan McGettigan - Finance Director of Petroceltic and Enterprise Ireland's Tom Kelly.

NUIG Energy Night 2012 - Poster Showcase and Industry & Careers Fair » *Bailey Allen Hall, » 6th March 2012*

NUIG Energy Night 2012 will open at 2:00pm in the Bailey Allen Hall with a Poster Showcase and Industry & Careers Fair. The Poster Showcase will feature the rich and varied range of cutting-edge energy research currently underway at NUI Galway and other Universities. The Industry & Careers Fair will provide a platform to network with students, researchers, interested members of the public, and other bodies involved in the energy sector. Light snacks and refreshments will be served. Prizes for the best student posters from the Showcase will be awarded after the Panel Discussion.

C.V. Workshop » *Engineering Building, ENG 2001 » 27th February 2012*

The organisers of the NUIG Energy Night are hosting two C.V. workshops on Monday, the 27th of February, as part of our annual Energy Night. The workshop will be run by a senior member of one of Ireland's leading graduate recruiters.

Session 1: Undergrads (2 - 3:30pm) Session 2: Postgrads (4:30 - 6pm)

The workshop is free of charge, however, each session is limited to 40 people and places will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

Networking Workshop » *Engineering Building, ENG 2001 » 13th March 2012*

The Energy Society are hosting a networking workshop on Tuesday March 13th at 1-2pm in ENG 2001 (Engineering Building). The workshop will be given by a representative from KPMG. The event is open to both undergrads and postgrads.

What the Frack is Going on in Leitrim!?! » *Arts Millenium Building, Room AM150 » 16th November 2011*

The Energy Society together with the Geology Society and Young Greens are happy to announce a Panel Discussion about fracking in Leitrim. The science behind hydraulic fracturing for shale gas, its potential benefits and consequences will be discussed.

Panel Discussion will be moderated by: Lorna Siggins, Western and Marine Correspondent, Irish Times

Speakers include: Tiernan Henry, Lecturer, Department of Geology, NUI Galway; Aideen McLoughlin, Local Environmentalist; John Simmie, Professor, School of Chemistry, NUI Galway; and Thomas Van Rensberg, Lecturer, Department of Economics, NUI Galway.

Wave Energy Technologies lecture » *Engineering Building, Room G017 » 31st January 2012*

The Energy Society is pleased to host a lecture and discussion of Wave Energy Technologies on Tuesday 31st of January at 7.00 pm. The lecture will be given by Mr. William Finnegan a researcher in wave energy at NUI Galway. Wavebob, Oyster, OE Buoy and other devices will be discussed along with the challenges and opportunities in this field.

All are welcome.

Committee 2011/2012

Member at large: Rory Monaghan

Treasurer: Neil Duffy

Webmaster: Lukasz Porwol

Member at large: Daniel Coakley

Auditor: Ciaran Kennedy

Secretary: Magdalena Hajdukiewicz

Vice-Auditor: Gary Brennan

Member at Large: Gearoid White

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Gary Brennan

Treasurer: Niall Chambers

PRO/Web master: Thomas Feely

Member at large: Gearoid White

Vice-Auditor: Stephen Kearney

Secretary: Magdalena Hajdukiewicz

Member at large: Rory Monaghan

Member at large: Daniel Coakley

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	108.03	Bank charge	€26.11
USC Grant	€500.00	Gifts	€30.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€87.00
		Reimbursed income/sales by society	€81.03
		Expenditure Total	€224.14
		Closing Bank Balance	€383.89
Total	€608.03	Total	€608.03

Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 194 members.

ALIVE Participation

Magdalena Hajdukiewicz	Secretary	50 hours
Neil Duffy	Treasurer, Organiser of Energy Night 2012	120 hours
Kenneth Hanley	Member	20 hours
Gearoid White	Committee member and Energy Night organisation team	36 hours
# ALIVE Students:	4 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	226 hours	

Engineering Society

The Engineering Society has been an active society this year, organising many social, charity and academic events. One of our main aims this year is to raise enough money to send 12 students to Zambia to build houses with Habitat for Humanity. To this end, we have organised many fundraising events such as bake sales, quizzes and a sponsored climb of Croagh Patrick. We are just over half way towards reaching our target.

We have also helped engineering students in their future career. In conjunction with Engineers Ireland and the NUIG Careers Office, we hosted a careers information evening, giving advice on CVs, interviews and postgraduate options.

We have also held many social events for students. In association with the Law Society, we held a party for first years at the beginning of the year to help them make new friends and settle into college. We also organised a paintballing trip to Limerick, as well as the faculty ball in association with nursing and health science students.

Eng Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 65 events.

Habitat for Humanity Applications » Socsbox » 15th September – 30th September 2011 (16 individual events)

The closing date is fast approaching for sign-ups for the Habitat for Humanity trip to Zambia. If you want to be involved you can download it from our website: <http://www.engsoc.ralph.nuigalway.ie> and drop the forms into the Socsbox in Aras na MacLeinn

Meeting » The Hub » 21st September 2011

Our first meeting will be this Wednesday at 7pm in the Hub (in Aras na MacLeinn) with free pizza afterwards. There are still some committee positions available for anyone who wants to get involved and give us a hand organizing stuff. We will also be talking about our Habitat for Humanity trip to Zambia and a paint balling trip to Limerick on the 15th/16th October.

Volunteer Abroad » *Zambia* » *1st October – 7th October 2011 (7 individual events)*

Interested in volunteering abroad next summer? Would you like to work along side a local community in Zambia helping to build houses while experiencing a new culture and developing a close relationship with the local community?

We have extended the closing date for sign-ups for the Habitat for Humanity trip to Zambia. Download an application form from our website: and drop the completed form into the Socsbox in Aras na MacLeinn before 5pm on October 7th.

The trip is open to all students, not just engineers.

For more information see <http://www.habitatireland.ie/index.php/overseas-volunteering/> or come along to our information evening on Wednesday 5th October in AC201 (Concourse) at 7pm.

Habitat for Humanity Trip to Zambia Information Evening » *AC201 (Concourse)* » *5th October 2011*

Interested in volunteering abroad next summer?

For more information come along to our information evening on Wednesday 5th October in AC201 (Concourse) at 7pm.

There will be a short presentation on the trip including information on the country, a sample itinerary for the two week programme and fundraising. Followed by a question and answer session.

Paul Dillon Architects Presentation » *Eng-G047* » *10th October 2011* Paul Dillon Architects are giving a 20 minute presentation next Monday evening at 6pm in Eng-G047. Recently awarded the Best Commercial/Retail Building 2011 award, this promises to be a very interesting talk. For more information see http://www.irisharchitectureawards.ie/index.php/annual-awards/2011/drive_through_restaurant_galway/

Paint balling Trip » *limerick combat zone* » *15th October – 16th October 2011 (2 individual events)* Paint balling trip to Limerick on Saturday 15th. Staying over night in Jury's. Also Free into a club that night!!! Come along for all the craic!

Sign up in the SocsBox now for just 35euro :)

Meeting » *AC202* » *26th October 2011*

Come along to our meeting this Wednesday to stay up to date with all our up coming events!

Habitat for Humanity Team Meeting » *AC202* » *16th November 2011*

Training meeting for the team heading to Zambia this summer.

Meeting » *AC202* » *16th November 2011*

At this weeks meeting we will be discussing the organising of the annual Engineers & Nurses Ball, a trip abroad and a charity night out among other things. Hope to see you there! :)

Habitat for Humanity Team Meeting » *AC202* » *30th November 2011*

Meeting for the Habitat for Humanity team volunteering in Zambia this summer.

E&N Ball meeting » *AC202* » *30th November 2011*

A meeting to discuss preparations for the upcoming E&N Ball in February. The committee has already been elected, but anyone can come along if they have any suggestions!

Habitat for Humanity Team Meeting » *AC202* » *11th January 2012*

Team meeting for the 12 volunteers travelling to Zambia this summer to work with the international charity Habitat for Humanity.

Ball Committee Meeting » *AC202* » *11th January 2012*

We will have a meeting next Wednesday the 11th January at 7.00pm in AC202 to plan the 2012 Engineers & Nurses Ball.

Eng Soc Meeting » *AC202* » *11th January 2012*

Welcome back! We will have a meeting next Wednesday the 11th January at 6.00pm in AC202 to plan events for next semester.

Hope to see you there!

Corrib Village Reunion Party » *College Bar* » *23rd January 2012*

Missing Corrib Village? The laughs, the craic the parties and the mould! Join us in the College bar on Monday the 30th of January. Finger food and refreshments on the night along with a wristband for carbon which gives free entry. There will also be games on the night. The 3 euro tickets are a bargain! :P Tickets available now in the SocsBox in Aras na Mac Leinn .

This event is in aid of Habitat for Humanity. 12 Volunteers from NUIG will travel to Zambia in June.

E&N Ball 2012 Ticket Sales » *Engineering Building, Aras Moyola & Aras na Mac Leinn* » *25th January 2012*

Get your tickets to this years E&N Ball!! Full tickets: 60 Euro Afters tickets: 25

E&N Ball 2012 Ticket Sales » *Engineering Building, Aras Moyola & Aras na Mac Leinn* » *26th January 2012*

Get your tickets to this years E&N Ball!! Full tickets: 60 Euro Afters tickets: 25 Euro

Corrib Village Reunion Party! » *College Bar* » *30th January – 31st January 2012 (2 individual events)*

Meet up with your old Corrib Village friends in the College Bar! Promotions and free finger food on the night.

Free into Carbon Night Club after. Get your tickets now for only 3euro in the SocsBox!

Engineering Society Meeting » *Engineering Building - 2001* » *1st February 2012*

Meeting for all Eng Soc members to keep up to date with upcoming events!

Habitat for Humanity Team Meeting » *Engineering Building - 2001 (2nd Floor)* » *1st February 2012*

Team meeting for the team traveling to Zambia to do voluntary work this summer.

Engineers Ireland Careers Information Evening » *Engineering Building - G017* » *6th February 2012*

Engineers Ireland's Career Session. Careers advice for final year engineering students.

Monday 6th February, 7pm, G017 Engineering Building. Get advice and information on CVs interviews, postgraduate options & more!

Annual Engineers & Nurses (E&N) Ball » *Radisson Blu Hotel* » *8th February – 9th February 2012 (2 individual events)*

This Casino Royale themed ball will take place in the Radisson Blu hotel on Wednesday the 8th of February. Entertainment will be provided by Keywest, Keith McDonald and DJ Byrno among others.

Engineers Ireland Quiz Night » *Busker Browns* » *15th February 2012*

Quiz night in aid of Habitat for Humanity Zambia Project

PANCAKE TUESDAY Coffee Morning » *Coffee Dock, 3rd floor. ?ras Moyola* » *21st February 2012*

This event is being run to help raise approximately 36,000 euro for our Habitat For Humanity trip to Zambia in June.

Meeting » *Eng - 2001* » *22nd February 2012*

Our next meeting will be this Wednesday at 7pm in Eng - 2001, classroom on the 2nd floor of the Engineering Building. We will be discussing getting involved in Engineers Week and organising a trip abroad among other things.

Croagh Patrick Climb Sign Up » *Foyer Engineering Building* » *28th February 2012*

Eng Soc will be climbing Croagh Patrick on Saturday the 10th of March. Join us and help raise funds for Habitat for Humanity by conquering the 762m high reek! To take part one must donate or raise a minimum of 30eur which will be collected on the bus on the 10th. Sign up will take place between 12pm and 2pm in the Engineering Building on Tuesday the 28th and from 12pm to 2pm on Wed the 29th in Aras na Mac Leinn. Buses and water will be provided. Party that night in Carbon night club with free entry and special promotions! Should be a great day out! :)

Engineers Week Street Collection » *Galway City* » *28th February 2012*

Eng Soc are taking part in the Engineers Week on-street charity collection in association with Engineers Ireland. The collection will take place in Galway city centre from 12pm to 2pm and all proceeds raised will go towards Enable Ireland. If anyone is interested in helping out, meet us at 11.30am on Tuesday the 28th at the SocsBox in Aras na Mac Leinn. T-shirts, buckets and permits will be provided.

Croagh Patrick Climb » *Aras na Mac Leinn* » *29th February 2012*

Eng Soc will be climbing Croagh Patrick on Saturday the 10th of March.

Table Quiz » *College Bar* » *1st March 2012*

Join us in the College bar for a fun filled table quiz and help us to raise funds for this years NUIG Habitat for Humanity Team. Lots of goodies to be won and special promotions on the night!

Bake Sale » *Aras Moyola* » *5th March 2012* Bake sale in Aras Moyola from 10.30am to 3pm. Call in for some brownies and some tasty treats! All funds raised are in aid of the NUI Galway Habitat for Humanity Team.

Sign up for the Croagh Patrick Climb » *Foyer Engineering Building* » *6th March 2012*

Sign up for the Croagh Patrick Climb » *Foyer Engineering Building* » *7th March 2012*

Habitat for Humanity Team Meeting » *ENG-2001* » *7th March 2012*

Meeting for the NUI Galway Habitat for Humanity Team going to Zambia this summer.

Engineering Society Meeting » *ENG-2001* » *7th March 2012*

Croagh Patrick Climb » *Croagh Patrick* » *10th March 2012*

Eng Soc will be climbing Croagh Patrick on Saturday the 10th of March. Join us and help raise funds for Habitat for Humanity by conquering

Bake Sale » *Aras Moyola* » *12th March 2012*

Bake sale on the bottom floor in Aras Moyola until 5pm today. All funds raised are in aid of the NUI Galway Habitat for Humanity Team.

AGM » *ENG-2001* » *14th March 2012*

We're having our annual general meeting (AGM) next Wednesday the 14th of March, at 8pm in Eng-2001.

We will be electing our new committee, the positions that are up for grabs are as follows:

BUY Tickets for: NUIG, Gone to the dogs! » *Aras na Mac Leinn/ Engineering building/ Smokey's caf* » *21st March 2012*

UL has one, why can't we? NUIG, Gone to the dogs is the newest and biggest thing to hit NUI Galway; a night not to be missed!

Tickets: ?10 *Complementary bus to and from event*** *free entry to Carbon Nightclub **

Buy Tickets For: NUIG, Gone to the dogs! » *Aras na Mac Leinn / Engineering building / Smokey's caf* » *22nd March 2012*

NUIG Night at the Races » *Galway's dog racing track!* » *29th March 2012*

Enjoy a night out at Galway's Dog racing track while helping to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity!

Thursday 29th March Tickets on sale soon

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Christina Fox

Treasurer: Claire Moran

PRO: Shane Lynch

Events Officer: Emma Tarpey

1st Year Rep: Cathal O'Murchu

3rd Year Rep: Colleen Fegley

Vice-Auditor: Ciara Rigney

Secretary: Emma Farrell

Website Administrator: Padraig Meaney

Equipment Officer: Niall Dugera

2nd Year Rep: Kenneth Neary

OCM: John Parsons

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Niall Dugera

Secretary: Louise Mannion

OCM: Eamonn McGilloway

Treasurer: Kenneth Neary

PRO: Michael Fleming

OCM: Colm Hally

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,355.17	Ball	€4,261.00
Fundraising	€290.00	Bank charge	€7.84
Members Contributions	€327.00	Dinner	€406.40
SocsBox Till	€4,741.00	Entertainment	€346.00
Sponsorship	€500.00	Equipment misc	€120.00
USC Grant	€2,800.00	Fundraising/charity	€404.60
		Hoodies	€365.42
		Makeup/Props	€50.00
		Printing	€207.00
		Prizes	€163.95
		Promotions	€220.00
		Reimbursed income/sales by society	€60.00
		Society accommodation	€342.00
		Society transport	€575.00
		Speaker travel	€400.00
		Stationary	€89.00
		Expenditure Total	€8,018.21
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,994.96
Total	€10,013.17	Total	€10,013.17

Other Information

We held 13 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 770 members.

ALIVE

<u>Claire Moran</u>	Treasurer	70 hours
<u>Christina Fox</u>	Auditor	160 hours
<u>Nicola Hamilton</u>	Ball Committee Member	30 hours
<u>Colm Seale</u>	Volunteer	80 hours
<u>Ciara Rigney</u>	Vice Auditor	90 hours
<u>John Parsons</u>	Ordinary Committee member	52 hours

Emma Farrell	Secretary	83 hours
Emma Tarpey	Events Officer	40 hours
Cian Glennon	Volunteer	40 hours
# ALIVE Students:	9 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	645 hours	

English Soc

English Soc changed committee at the start of the second semester this year, and during this semester we usually held weekly meetings and organised a variety of events throughout the semester, such as workshops, guest speakers, and discussion evenings.

English Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 5 events.

EGM » *meeting room 1 (upstairs in Aras Na MacLeinn)* » 24th January 2012

EGM to select a new committee and rejuvenate English Soc and to talk about ideas for the society in the second semester.

Word Games Night » *college bar* » 8th February 2012

A night of word games and funnery upstairs in the college bar.

An Evening of Erotica with C. Margey Kempe » *ac201* » 17th February 2012

In honour of Shag week, a reading and discussion of erotic fiction with writer C. Margey Kempe.

Hate Night » *meeting room 1 (upstairs in Aras Na MacLeinn)* » 1st March 2012

A night to vent your anger and frustration on all things literary. With lots of tea and cake.

Myth Revisited: Folkloric Poetry Workshop » *ac201* » 22nd March 2012

A reading of some modern myth and folklore-inspired poetry and workshop in writing poems in this style

Committee 2011/2012

Treasurer: Siobhain Nugent

Auditor: Claire McCallion

OCM: Samuel Ferry

Secretary: Roseanne Turner

PRO: Martina Gannon

PRO: Lauren Dooley

Staff Treasurer: Frances McCormack

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	368.90	Ball	€30.00
		Bank charge	€30.60
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€80.00
		Expenditure Total	€140.60
		Closing Bank Balance	€228.30
Total	€368.90	Total	€368.90

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 186 members.

ALIVE

<u>Siobhain Nugent</u>	Treasurer	30 hours
<u>Claire McCallion</u>	Auditor	40 hours
<u>Lauren Dooley</u>	PRO	30 hours
<u>Martina Gannon</u>	Public Relations Officer	30 hours
<u>Roseanne Turner</u>	Secretary	30 hours
<u>Samuel Ferry</u>	Treasurer, OCM	30 hours
# ALIVE Students:	6 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	190 hours	

FanSci Society

FanSci are NUIG's resident Fantasy and Science fiction enthusiast group.

We organize weekly meetings, to hangout, chill, play board games, cardgames, war games, table top rpgs and watch movies.

We invite anyone to drop by, we like making more friends, the more the merrier!

We also run itzacon, a successful annual convention; the only dedicated gaming convention in the west of Ireland.

FanSci Events

This year the society held a total of 84 events.

FanSci Weekly Gaming » *The View* » 7th September 2011

Wednesdays are when we play all sorts of games ranging from quick and easy board games, to expansive and competitive card games, such as Magic the Gathering, to in-depth and immersive table top rpgs written by experienced and amazing GMs (also, we always have plenty of dice so don't worry! ;]).

FanSci's Weekly Gaming » *The View* » 14th September 2011

Fansci's wine reception » *meeting room 1 Aras Na MacLeinn,* » 15th September 2011

Welcoming our new members with a wine reception!

FanSci's Weekly Gaming » *The View* » 21st September 2011

FanSci's Weekly Gaming » *The View* » 28th September 2011

FanSci's weekly gaming! We meet up every Wednesday to play boardgames/RPG's/to just hang out. Feel free to pop in anytime.

FanSci EGM » *The View* » 28th September 2011

The EGM will be held in The View. A long with selecting two EGM members, We will be discussing about cons we will be going to this semester and some other stuff too!

After the EGM, we will continue our weekly gaming sessions as per usual.

Magic the Gathering Draft! » *ac216* » 4th October 2011

This week, we'll be drafting boosters packs of Magic the Gathering per person. 2x New Phyrexia, 1x Besieged. Entry is 10 euro, land will be supplied (but must be returned at the end!). New players are more than welcome!

FanSci's Weekly Gaming » *The View* » 5th October 2011

FanSci's weekly gaming! We meet up every Wednesday to play boardgames/RPG's/to just hang out. Feel free to pop in anytime.

Movie Night! » *ac201* » 6th October 2011

Movie night, we show all sorts of amazing fantasy and science fiction films! Check our e-mails and the notice boards around college for movies that you may like to see!

FanSci's reading/writing Sundays! » *The Space* » 9th October 2011

Every Sunday, bring along your favourite book, your laptop, or a pen and paper, and spend some time in FanSci's reading/writing Sundays!

FanSci Innistrad Draft! » *ac216* » 11th October 2011

Triple Innistrad draft, 10 euro entry. Winners get Innistrad boosters (Or Phyrexia/Besieged if we run out of Innistrad)

FanSci Weekly Gaming » *The View* » 12th October 2011

FanSci's weekly gaming! We meet up every Wednesday to play boardgames/RPG's/to just hang out. Feel free to pop in anytime.

FanSci Movie Night: Mulan » *ac201* » 13th October 2011

Come see Mulan with us! If you haven't heard of Mulan, shame on you. Seriously. What sort of childhood did you have?

FanSci Wargaming » *the Art gallery (quad)* » 18th October 2011

Wargaming in the Quad, bring your armies and whatever terrain you may need!

FanSci Weekly Gaming » *The View* » 19th October 2011

Games games galore! Board games, card games role playing games, and the like! Drop in any time you wish!

FanSci Presents "Zombieland" » *ac201* » 20th October 2011

A shy student trying to reach his family in Ohio, and a gun-toting tough guy trying to find the Last Twinkie and a pair of sisters trying to get to an amusement park join forces to travel across a zombie-filled America.

FanSci Weekend Gaming » *the cube* » 22nd October 2011

Haven't got enough gaming in you eh? Well then come around and play some board games, card games with us!

FanSci Wargaming » *the Art gallery (quad)* » 25th October 2011

Everything between Warhammer 40k / Space Hulk and other War games soon to come.

Multi Soc Halloween Party » *Monroes, Upstairs* » 27th October – 28th October 2011 (2 individual events)

Halloween Party. Prizes for best dressed. Other events will also be going on to keep everyone entertained.

Also, this is not just a FanSci event. It's a Multi-Soc event. Many societies have given a hand in preparing this event.

Gaelcon » *Dublin* » 28th October – 31st October 2011 (4 individual events) Gaming convention in Dublin

Discworld convention » *Ennistymon* » 4th November – 6th November 2011 (3 individual events)

Convention for Discworld

Magic the Gathering Draft » *ac216* » 8th November 2011

Innistrad draft 10Euro for 3 boosters. Prizes for winners!

FanSci Weekly gaming (now with Wargaming!) » *The View* » 9th November 2011

Come to weekly gaming with us, play rpgs, board games, and card games.

Wargaming will now commence at the same time in The View, instead of it's own timeslot on Tuesdays.

Dominicon » *Maynooth* » 11th November – 13th November 2011 (3 individual events)

Trip to NUI, Maynooth gaming convention

FanSci Weekly Gaming » *The View* » 16th November 2011

Wargaming, Board Gaming, Card gaming, and table-top rpgs! So much to choose from!

FanSci Screening: "How to Train your Dragon" » *ac201* » 17th November 2011

A hapless young Viking who aspires to hunt dragons becomes the unlikely friend of a young dragon himself, and learns there may be more to the creatures than he assumed.

FanSci Weekend Gaming » *The Space* » 19th November 2011

Come to weekend gaming with FanSci! Board and card games galore!

FanSci Movie Marathon » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 16th December 2011

A day to unwind from the stress of exams and watch some good films. Feel free to bring your own DVD's, we won't be deciding what exactly we're watching until we're there, and everyone should bring some popcorn or other snacks.

Wednesday Gaming » *The Stage* » 4th January 2012

Magic the Gathering » *AC213* » 10th January 2012

Wednesday Gaming » *The Stage* » 11th January 2012

Magic the Gathering » *AC213* » 17th January 2012

Wednesday Gaming » *The View* » 18th January 2012

RPG Campaigns » *IT203* » 19th January 2012

Saturday Gaming » *large acoustic room* » 21st January 2012

Magic the Gathering » *AC213* » 24th January 2012

Wednesday Gaming » *The View* » 25th January 2012

RPG Campaigns » *IT203* » 26th January 2012

Warpcn » *UCC* » 27th January – 29th January 2012 (3 individual events) Gaming convention

Magic the Gathering » *AC213* » 31st January 2012

Wednesday Gaming » *The View* » 1st February 2012

RPG Campaigns » *IT203* » 2nd February 2012

Magic the Gathering » *ac203* » 7th February 2012

Wednesday Gaming » *The View* » 8th February 2012

FanSci EGM (Secretary) » *The View* » 8th February 2012

RPG Campaigns » *IT203* » 9th February 2012

WARPS GM Training » *Inch, Co. Kerry* » 10th February – 12th February 2012 (3 individual events)

Weekend training in the methos of GM-ing

FanSci Weekend Gaming » *The View, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 11th February 2012 (2 individual events)

Similar to our weekly Wednesday meet, but now on Saturdays, too!

Magic the Gathering » *IT203* » 14th February 2012

Weekly Gaming » *The View* » 15th February 2012

RPG campaigns » *AC213* » 16th February 2012

Magic the Gathering » *IT203* » 21st February 2012

Weekly gaming » *The View* » 22nd February 2012

RPG Campaigns » *AC213* » 23rd February 2012

Magic the Gathering » *IT203* » 28th February 2012

Weekly gaming » *The View* » 29th February 2012

RPG campaigns » *AC213* » 1st March 2012

Magic the Gathering » *IT203* » 6th March 2012

Weekly Gaming » *The View* » 7th March 2012

Itzacon 8 » *bailey allen hall* » 9th March – 11th March 2012 (3 individual events)

FanSci's annual gaming convention. Boasting a wide variety of tabletop games, and other special events.

Entry is 15 euro for the weekend, 10 with an NUIGalway Student I.D.

Magic the Gathering » *IT203* » 13th March 2012

Weekly Gaming » *The View* » 14th March 2012

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Magic The Gathering » *IT203* » 27th March 2012

Weekly Gaming » *The View* » 28th March 2012

RPG Campaigns » *AC213* » 29th March 2012

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: David O'Meara

OCM: Mark Roche

Treasurer: Niall Sweeney

Librarian: Stewart Locke

Dungeon Master: Eoin Staunton

Warmaster: Patrick Coyle

Vice-Auditor: Eoghan Page

PRO: Hannah Mulcahy

Webmaster: John Burke

Events Officer: Pol MacFhionnghaile

Secretary: Conor Kenny

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: James Basquill

Treasurer: Stewart Locke

Con Director: Millie Kennedy

Events Manager: Eoin Staunton

Vice-Auditor: Conor Kenny

Secretary: Ross Lavelle

PRO: Joseph Neary

Librarian: Patrick Coyle

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,268.33	Ball	€220.00
Hoodies	€176.00	Bank charge	€48.16
Members Contributions	€250.00	Dinner	€80.00
SocsBox Till	€2,519.00	Entry fees	€941.50
Ticket Sales	€624.20	Equipment misc	€1,333.00
USC Grant	€2,080.00	Hoodies	€964.00
		Materials	€730.00
		Printing	€15.00
		Society accommodation	€1,090.40
		Society transport	€1,362.82
		Expenditure Total	€6,784.88
		Closing Bank Balance	€132.65
Total	€6,917.53	Total	€6,917.53

Other Information

We held 22 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 252 members.

ALIVE

<u>Patrick Coyle</u>	Head of Wargames	35 hours
<u>Niamh Blue Ni Ainli</u>	Member of convention staff	21 hours
<u>Stewart Locke</u>	Librarian	265 hours
<u>Hazel Roberts</u>	Role play co-ordinator	180 hours
<u>Eoin Staunton</u>	OCM/Games Master	30 hours
<u>David O'Meara</u>	Auditor	281 hours
<u>Milena Milojevic</u>	Staff Volunteer at Itzacon	25 hours
<u>Eoghan Page</u>	Vice-Auditor	320 hours
# ALIVE Students:	8 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	1157 hours	

Feminist Society

During its first year of existence, the Feminist Society has succeeded in

- bringing feminism to many different corners and new spaces on NUI Galway campus and beyond.
 - providing educational opportunities through innovative approaches such as film, performing arts and academic discourse.
 - contributing to new levels of awareness about violence against women locally and internationally. We have raised more than Euro 1600 in aid of GRCC. This represents the costs for the provision of counselling services for two victims for one year.
- As a brand-new Society, we have made a noticeable mark on student life on NUI Galway campus.

With very little funds and an enormous amount of commitment we have brought a sensitive and often stigmatised topic into the heart of the university. Our presence has resulted in increased attentiveness to sexism, homophobia and racism at NUI Galway.

We won Best New society at the NUI Galway Society Awards and went on to win Best New Society in Ireland at the BICS National Awards.

Feminist Society Events

This year the society held a total of 50 events.

Introductory Evening & Get Together, Thurs Sept 29th » *Massimos* » 29th September 2011

Our introductory evening in Massimo's Bar. New and existing members get to know each other evening and find out more about what feminism is about. Also plan to make banners for the Slutwalk so bring your colourful and creative sides :)

Gender Equality Storm About! » *NUIG Campus* » 4th October 2011

A fanciful and crazy dress storm about college to raise awareness about gender inequality and promote the first Irish Slutwalk! Begins in college bar, and concludes at the Speaker's Corner, where everyone and anyone can air their views (microphone to be provided!). All Welcome!

Galway Slutwalk » *Starting and Finishing in NUIG* » 5th October 2011

You are invited to take part in the Galway Slutwalk!

Organised through the NUI Galway Student Union, in partnership with the Feminist Society, as part of the Equality week festival.

Slut walks are a form of protest for women's rights and originated earlier this year in Toronto, Canada in a response to remarks made by a police constable who suggested that to remain safe, "women should avoid dressing like sluts."

Feminist Society Planning Meeting! » *Arts Millennium Room 204* » 11th October 2011

A meeting to plan for the year ahead and elect a new committee, so everyone who wants to get involved actively in the society come along and have your say! Will also recap on activities of last week (well done everyone involved) and duties involved with different positions

Occupy Galway » *Eyre Square, 12pm* » 15th October 2011

Meet at Arts Millennium building at 10am to get signs and pots and pans to the ready

The Feminist Society will be attending the Occupy Galway protest to highlight the gendered impact of the recession

16 Days of Activism against Violence against Women Planning Meeting » *arts millenium 204* » 18th October 2011

Planning meeting for the 16 days of action against violence against women which starts November 25th. If you want to get actively involved or have an ideas you would like to share, come along, all welcome, and all interests considered.

Mean Girls Showing » *SC005 - Tyndall Theatre* » 14th November 2011

Need a break from prepping for exams? Come join the FemSoc for a movie night when we show Mean Girls. Bring snacks if you want, and we'll be sticking around for a bit afterwards to talk about the movie. Hope to see you there!

Open Mic Night » *Ruby Room (top floor), King's Head* » 24th November 2011

Come on down to the pub to listen to music and poetry at the opening event for the 16 Days of Activism to End Violence Against Women. It's free and will be raising money for the Galway Rape Crisis Centre.

Storytelling Night » *Ruby Room (top floor), King's Head* » 28th November 2011

Give Us a Story Night is part of The Sixteen Days of Activism Against Violence Against Women. Anyone who has a tale to tell, or wants to hear a story should come on down. Join us in telling a tale, or don't. But do come! The event is free, but we are raising money for The Rape Crisis Centre on the eve.

16 Days of Activism to End Violence Against Women: Sexual Assault Treatment Services in Ireland »

MY123 - Seminar Room 1 (Aras Moyola) » 1st December 2011

Presentation by Niamh Bonner, Galway Sexual Assault Treatment Unit. Niamh Bonner is a Registered general nurse of 20+ years. She has been recently appointed Clinical Nurse Specialist in Sexual Assault Forensic Examination having completed a Higher Diploma in Sexual Assault Forensic Examination.

16 Days of Activism to End Violence Against Women: State Violence Against Refugee and Asylum Seeking Women: Community Responses in a local Irish context » *CA101 - Lecture Hall 2 (Cairns Building)* » 8th December 2011

Seminar with participants from the Galway Refugee Support Group.

Lilya Forever Film Screening » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 5th December 2011

While waiting for her mother's reply to take her to the USA, Lilya idles the time away smoking, drinking and having fun with her, too, outcast friend Volodya.

Curious? Then come join the FemSoc in watching Lilya Forever, a film about human trafficking, as part of our 16 Days of Activism.

Film Screening: Mona Lisa Smile » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 12th December 2011

Come watch a movie with FemSoc at our last event of the semester!

Film synopsis: Set in 1953, Katherine Watson is a free-spirited graduate of UCLA who accepts a teaching post at Wellesley College, a women-only school where the students are torn between the repressive mores of the time and their longing for intellectual freedom.

Vagina Monologues - Auditions » *The Art Room* » 18th January 2012

The Vagina Monologues, written by Eve Ensler, is a hilarious and heartbreaking performance that seeks to raise awareness about violence against women and to raise money for local beneficiaries that are already working to stop such violence. Based on interviews with over 200 women, the performance celebrates women's sexuality and strength by giving voice to experience and emotions not generally discussed in a

public forum. Though the auditions are restricted to those who self-identify as female, all who try out will receive a part, and anyone is welcome to assist in the planning and production of the play.

Mna Mna: Club Featuring Women In Music » *The Crane Bar, 2 Sea Road, Galway* » 19th January 2012

Vagina Monologues - Auditions » *The Art Room* » 19th January 2012

Please direct all inquiries to Olivia Snider at oliviasnider@gmail.com or 083-115-5537.

New and Old Members Meet and Greet! » *Crane Bar* » 19th January 2012

Thursday at 8pm at The Crane (Sea Road). We are looking forward to greet you all, exchange opinions on what the society is about, gather ideas for upcoming events and activities and enjoy a drink (or two) before heading upstairs for the happening of the evening: Mna Mna - Women in Music (Every Third Thursday beginning April 21, 2011 - 9pm til late. Admission only ?5

<https://www.facebook.com/mnamnamusic>).

As If I am not there - Screening and Discussion with Director Juanita Wilson » *Main Room at the Huston School of Film and Digital Media* » 2nd February 2012

On Thurs, Feb 2nd, a special screening of As If I Am Not There will take place in the Main Hall of the Huston School of Film & Digital Media, starting at 7pm. The Feminist Society NUIG in conjunction with Hanna's House, a cross-border peace project, are very pleased to welcome the films director Juanita Wilson, who will be part of the Q & A and open discussion after the film. Entry is free and all are welcome. Find us on Facebook at Feminist Society NUIG for more.

Promotion of the Vagina Monologues » *The Concourse* » 24th February 2012

The premiere of Vagina Monologues in Galway is almost there!

Next Monday and Tuesday at sharp 7.30 pm at The Cube. Come and enjoy the show along with a couple of friends!

Would you like to help out with the promotion? Then, come along tomorrow. We will be advertising the shows giving away lollipops in the Concourse at 1.30.

The Vagina Monologues » *the Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 27th February 2012

Femsoc and Dramsoc invite you to the Vagina Monologues!

The show will cost ?5 for students and ?8 for adults; all proceeds will be donated to the Galway Rape Crisis Center.

Each performance will start at 7:30 PM; the running time is an hour and a half.

The Vagina Monologues » *the Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 28th February 2012

Each performance will start at 7:30 PM; the running time is an hour and a half.

International Women's Day Celebrations » *The Cottage Bar, Salthill* » 8th March 2012

Your Feminist Committee is happy to invite you to celebrate International Women's Day with us at the Cottage Bar in Salthill. It also happens to be your favourite Society's first birthday (hipp hipp hurrah!) so you should all come over for some munchies!

AGM » *AM112* » 29th March 2012

You are all invited and very welcome to pop in and enrich our debate with fresh, new ideas for the upcoming feminist year! We will be electing a new committee and this is your chance to become involved in the Irish feminist movement.

We need a Logo! » *AM204* » 16th March 2012

Bring crayons, colouring pens, paper and loads of feminist creativity and help us create a logo!

Film Night + Discussion "THE OBJECT AND THE BODY" » *AM200 (Fottrell Theatre)* » 21st March 2012

This time we feature "Ways of Seeing" by John Berger & the short film Women Reply: Our Body, Our Sex. This session aims to open a healthy debate about nudity, the female body and its objectification for desire by the film and media industry.

Vagina Monologues - Auditions » *The View* » 18th January 2012

Feminist Film Night: Sexuality and Beauty in Indian Cinema » *AM250* » 19th April 2012

We'll continue our interesting feminist film nights by exploring the themes of beauty, sexuality, class and romance through the Indian blockbuster "Bobby" from 1973.

Feminist Reading Group » *TBA* » 3rd May 2012

Have you ever wondered how to be a woman in today's day and age? We probably won't figure this out tonight, but at least we'll start the discussion through Caitlin Moran's book "How to Be a Woman". So have a read through the book and come over for a chat over tea and biscuits.

Committee 2011/2012

OCM: Olivia Snider

Treasurer: Caroline Forde

PRO: Ciara Griffin

OCM: Claire McCallion

Auditor: Emma Brannlund

Secretary: Patricia Prieto Blanco

Social Officer: Tanja Kovacic

OCM: Aura Lounasmaa

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Emma Brannlund

Treasurer: Caroline Forde

Secretary: Patricia Prieto Blanco

PRO: Ciara Griffin

Social Officer: Tanja Kovacic

Extra-ordinary Committee member: Olivia Snider

Extra-ordinary Committee member: Claire McCallion

Vice-Auditor: Aura Lounasmaa

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0.00	Bank charge	€34.53
SocsBox Till	€381.00	Fundraising/charity	€381.00
USC Grant	€700.00	Materials	€282.79
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€31.02
		Printing	€84.93
		Reception	€181.80
		Video Hire	€16.99
		Expenditure Total	€1,013.06
		Closing Bank Balance	€67.94
Total	€1,081.00	Total	€1,081.00

Other Information

We held 23 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 216 members.

ALIVE

<u>Olivia Snider</u>	Committee Member	100 hours
<u>Emma Brannlund</u>	Auditor	300 hours
<u>Rachael Dardis</u>	Social Officer	100 hours
<u>Milena Milojevic</u>	Vice Campaign Officer	100 hours
<u>Patricia Prieto Blanco</u>	Vice- Secretary	100 hours
<u>Ciara Griffin</u>	PRO	150 hours
<u>Caroline Forde</u>	Treasurer	297 hours
<u>Clionadh O'Keeffe</u>	Vice Auditor	260 hours
# ALIVE Students:	8 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	1407 hours	

FilmSoc

This year's committee of the Film Society has, through hard work and dedication, given itself a solid claim to being one of NUIG's best and most contributing societies, organising over 100 events. We have screened up to six films a week, putting a special emphasis on culturally rich films of old such as Ingmar Bergman's 'Persona' and Fritz Lang's 'Metropolis', as well as foreign and independent films such as 'Kill List' and '13 Assassins' that may not get a cinema release in Ireland outside Dublin's IFI. Our screening of 'Drive' filled the Áras Uí Chathail lecture theatre to capacity. In doing so, we have been active in pan-society activity, hosting successful joint events with RadioSoc and ItalianSoc amongst many others.

This year has also seen the society renew its focus in film production, holding weekly film production meetings. It has been active in training participants in the skills of filmmaking, from camera training to editing. In so doing, we have succeeded in translating several ideas from page to screen, and have worked on several short films, which have gone on to win prizes at

film festivals across Ireland. Our s:tv subgroup, has also been one of the most prominent new faces on campus, producing several short news bulletins as well as intensive coverage of the SU elections. Most notably, the brilliant 'NUIG Wants It That Way' raised over €10,000 for suicide awareness charity 1Life.

The society also held a number of noteworthy events over the course of the year, with a very successful movie themed table quiz held in November. February also saw our first trip to the Jameson Dublin International Film Festival, offering our members a very affordable opportunity to see some of the best contemporary films at one of Europe's most prominent film festivals.

FilmSoc Events

This year the society held a total of 110 events.

FAILTE FEST 2011: Limitless » *The Large Acoustic Room* » 11th September 2011

FAILTE FEST 2011: Beastly » *The Large Acoustic Room* » 11th September 2011

FAILTE FEST 2011: Hanna » *The View* » 11th September 2011

FAILTE FEST 2011: X-Men First Class » *The Space* » 11th September 2011

Cinema: Source Code » *Aras Ui Cathail* » 20th September 2011

Cinema: Hobo With A Shotgun » *Aras Ui Cathail* » 21st September 2011

Cinema: Attack The Block » *Aras Ui Cathail* » 22nd September 2011

Cinema: Thor » *Aras Ui Cathail* » 27th September 2011

Production Workshop » *Large Acoustic Room, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 28th September 2011

Cinema: Black Dynamite » *Aras Ui Cathail* » 28th September 2011

Cinema: Easy A » *Aras Ui Cathail* » 29th September 2011

Cinema: Pirates Of The Carribean 4: On Stranger Tides » *Aras Ui Cathail* » 4th October 2011

Production Workshop » *Large Acoustic Room, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 5th October 2011

Got an idea? Want to suggest films, write scripts, play with light and sound? Create films, be in films, pull them apart and put them back together better than before? Come to our Film Production Workshop - Hosted by our wonderful Head of Production, Colm!!

Cinema: Some Like It Hot » *Aras Ui Cathail* » 5th October 2011

Cinema: Unknown » *Aras Ui Cathail* » 6th October 2011

127 HOURS - FilmSoc/RoverSoc » *Aras Ui Cathail* » 11th October 2011

Cinema: Good Will Hunting » *Aras ui Cathail* » 11th October 2011

Production Workshop » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 12th October 2011

PAPILLON - FilmSoc/Psychological Society » *Aras Ui Cathail* » 12th October 2011

Cinema: The Pursuit of Happyness » *Aras Ui Cathail Theatre* » 13th October 2011

LABYRINTH: FilmSoc and JugglingSoc » *The Space, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 13th October 2011

MARY & MAX - FilmSoc and EcoSoc » *Aras Ui Cathail* » 13th October 2011

The Social Network » *Aras ui Cathail lecture Theatre* » 18th October 2011

FilmSoc/BACon Soc Film Production Meeting » *Aras na Mac Leinn - Large Acoustic Room.* » 19th October 2011

The Matrix » *Aras ui Cathaill Lecture Theatre* » 19th October 2011

Dazed and Confused » *Aras Ui Cathaill Lecture Theatre* » 20th October 2011

Insidious » *Aras Ui Cathail* » 25th October 2011

The Wicker Man » *Aras Ui Cathail* » 25th October 2011

The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari » *Aras Ui Cathail* » 26th October 2011

FilmSoc/BACon Soc Film Production Meeting » *Aras na Mac Leinn - Large Acoustic Room.* » 26th October 2011

An American Werewolf In London » *Aras Ui Cathail* » 26th October 2011

Rubber » *Aras Ui Cathail* » 27th October 2011

Ghostbusters » *Aras Ui Cathail* » 27th October 2011

Bridesmaids » *Aras Ui Cathail* » 1st November 2011

FilmSoc/BACon Soc Film Production Meeting » *Aras na Mac Leinn* » 2nd November 2011

The Runway » *Aras Ui Cathail* » 2nd November 2011

Senna » *Aras Ui Cathail* » 3rd November 2011

The Tree of Life » *Aras Ui Chathail* » 8th November 2011

Shane » *Aras Ui Chathail* » 9th November 2011

FilmSoc/BAConSoc Film Production meeting. » *Large Acoustic Room, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 9th November 2011

X-Men: First Class » *Aras Ui Chathail* » 10th November 2011

FilmSoc Table Quiz » *College Bar* » 14th November 2011

The Producers » *Aras Ui Cathail* » 15th November 2011

Nowhere Boy » *Aras Ui Cathail* » 16th November 2011

FilmSoc/BAConSoc Film Production meeting. » *Large Acoustic Room, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 16th November 2011

Control » *Aras Ui Cathail* » 17th November 2011

Black Swan » *Aras Ui Chathail* » 22nd November 2011

FilmSoc/BAConSoc Film Production meeting. » *Large Acoustic Room, ?ras na mac Léinn* » 23rd November 2011

Children of Men » *Aras Ui Chathail* » 23rd November 2011

Collateral » *Aras Ui Chathail* » 24th November 2011

The Guard » *Aras Ui Chathail* » 29th November 2011

Persona » *Aras Ui Chathail* » 30th November 2011

True Grit » *Aras Ui Cathail* » 1st December 2011

Die Hard (Christmas Poll Topper) » *Aras Ui Chathail* » 13th December 2011

Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory (Christmas Poll Topper) » *Aras Ui Chathail* » 14th December 2011

Home Alone (Christmas Poll Topper) » *TBC* » 15th December 2011

Cinema: The Inbetweeners Movie » *Aras Ui Chathail Lecture Theatre* » 10th January 2012

Cinema: Duck Soup » *Aras Ui Chathail Lecture Theatre* » 11th January 2012

Cinema: The Skin I Live In » *Aras Ui Chathail Lecture Theatre* » 12th January 2012

Cinema: Super 8 » *Aras Ui Cathail* » 17th January 2012

Cinema: 12 Angry Men » *Aras Ui Cathail* » 18th January 2012

Cinema: Kill List » *Aras Ui Cathail* » 19th January 2012

Cinema: Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy » *Aras Ui Chathail* » 24th January 2012

Cinema: Sunset Boulevard » *Aras Ui Chathail* » 25th January 2012

Cinema: Troll Hunter » *Aras Ui Chathail* » 26th January 2012

Cinema: Drive » *Aras Ui Chathail lecture theatre* » 31st January 2012

Film Production Meeting » *Aras Ui Chathail* » 1st February 2012

Cinema: Melancholia » *Aras Ui Chathail* » 2nd February 2012

Commitee Meeting » *Smokies* » 26th September 2011

Commitee Meeting » *The Hub* » 5th October 2011

EGM » *The Hub* » 18th October 2011

The Boat That Rocked » *The Larmour Theatre* » 26th January 2012

RadioSoc - FilmSoc Reception » *Meeting Room 1* » 26th January 2012

Good Morning Vietnam » *D'Arcy Thompson* » 25th January 2012

Muscailt Movie Showing: Submarine » *Aras Ui Chathail* » 7th February 2012

Muscailt Movie Showing: Cinema Paradiso » *Aras Ui Chathail* » 8th February 2012

Film Production Meeting » *The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 8th February 2012

Muscailt Movie Showing: A Separation » *Aras Ui Chathail* » 9th February 2012

Cinema: The Princess Bride » *Large Acoustic Room, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 13th February 2012 » » 1st January 1970

Green Week Cinema: Into The Wild » *Aras Ui Chathail* » 14th February 2012

Film Production Meeting » *Aras Ui Chathail* » 15th February 2012

Cinema: 13 Assassins » *Aras Ui Chathail* » 16th February 2012

FilmSoc EGM » *the Art Room (Aras Na MacLeinn)* » 20th February 2012

Cinema: Tucker and Dale vs Evil » *Aras Ui Chathail* » 21st February 2012

FilmSoc Auditions » *Meeting Room 2, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 22nd February 2012

Film Production Meeting » *Aras Ui Chathail* » 22nd February 2012

FilmSoc Auditions » *the Art Room (Aras Na MacLeinn)* » 23rd February 2012

Cinema: Gomorrah » *Aras Ui Chathail* » 23rd February 2012

Theatre Week Cinema: Looking For Richard » *Aras Ui Chathail* » 28th February 2012

Film Production Meeting » *The Hub* » 29th February 2012

Theatre Week Cinema: Gold Diggers of 1933 » *Aras Ui Chathail Theatre* » 29th February 2012

Theatre Week Cinema: The Ides Of March » *Aras Ui Chathail* » 1st March 2012

FilmSoc Present Gojira » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 5th March 2012

Seachtain na Gaeilge Screening of Poit » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 5th March 2012

Cinema: Kind Hearts and Coronets » *Aras Ui Chathail Theatre* » 6th March 2012

Film Production Meeting » *Aras Ui Chathail Theatre* » 7th March 2012

Cinema: The Lives of Others » Aras Ui Chathail » 8th March 2012
Cinema: Midnight In Paris » Aras Ui Chathail. » 13th March 2012
Film Production Meeting » Aras Ui Chathail » 14th March 2012
Cinema: Leon » Aras Ui Chathail » 15th March 2012
Cinema: Dig! » Aras Ui Chathail » 20th March 2012
Film Production meeting. » Aras Ui Chathail » 21st March 2012
Cinema: Tyrannosaur » Aras Ui Chathail » 22nd March 2012
FilmSoc Production Short Film Shoot » Galway City » 9th March 2012
FilmSoc Production Short Film Shoot » Galway City » 10th March 2012
FilmSoc Production Short Film Shoot » Galway City » 11th March 2012
FilmSoc Production Short Film Editing » Mac Suite » 12th March 2012
Cinema: Metropolis » Large Acoustic Room » 26th March 2012
AGM » Aras Ui Chathail » 28th March 2012
Cinema: Snowtown » Aras Ui Chathail » 29th March 2012

Committee 2011/2012

OCM: Claire O'Malley	Head of Production (Semester 1): Colm McElligott
Vice-Auditor: Mark Kelly	Treasurer: Paul Moran
Auditor: Susan Collins	Secretary: Gerard Madden
Head Of Production: Michael Sherry	OCM: Conor Hooper
OCM: Emily Murray	Auditor (Semester 1): Michael Talty
Secretary (Semester 1): Eoin Coates	OCM: Megan Cox

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Conor Hooper	Vice-Auditor: Emily Murray
Treasurer: Susan Collins	Secretary: Claire O'Malley
PRO: Kate Fulham	Head of Screenings: Gerard Madden
Head of Production: Colm McElligott	OCM: Paul Moran
OCM: Michael Sherry	OCM: Brian O'Brien
OCM: Paul Nevin	OCM: Ciara Moyna

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	481.17	Bank charge	€25.98
Fundraising	€205.00	Entertainment	€300.00
Members Contributions	€432.00	Entry fees	€900.00
SocsBox Till	€965.00	Equipment misc	€698.36
USC Grant	€4,020.00	Makeup/Props	€48.96
		Materials	€308.86
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€97.85
		Society accommodation	€1,380.00
		Society transport	€988.00
		SocsBox Till Refund	€30.00
		Video Hire	€85.10
		Expenditure Total	€4,863.11
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,240.06
Total	€6,103.17	Total	€6,103.17

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 1225 members.

ALIVE

<u>Neassa Doherty</u>	production team member	40 hours
<u>Gerard Madden</u>	PRO	175 hours
<u>Susan Collins</u>	Vice Auditor (Sep-Dec), Auditor (Jan-Mar)	150 hours
<u>Paul Moran</u>	Treasurer	100 hours
<u>Eoin Coates</u>	Secretary + Producer with S:TV	140 hours
<u>Megan Cox</u>	s:tv - Filming and editing	75 hours
<u>Ciara Moyna</u>	Director, Editor, Writer	30 hours
<u>Donal Duffy</u>	member	30 hours
<u>Michael Talty</u>	Auditor (July-December 2011)	50 hours
<u>Michael Sherry</u>	Acting Head of Production / Head of Production / OCM	50 hours
# ALIVE Students:	10 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	840 hours	

FLAC Society

The purpose of FLAC is to give free legal advice to any student who may have issues with tenancy law, criminal law, employment law etc. A solicitor or barrister will be present at these clinics so you will have professional legal advice present! Don't hesitate to call down if you have any issues!

FLAC Society Events

This year the society held a total of 13 events.

NUIG Free Legal Advice Centre (FLAC) Clinic » *Meeting Room 1 (upstairs in Aras an MacLeinn). » 20th September – 6th December 2011 (12 individual events)*

Completely confidential advice

We offer some basic legal assistance by way of legal information and advice. However, in the normal course of events we cannot offer people legal representation.

Please bring along any documentation or correspondence which might help the advisor to assist you. The advisor will help you to establish whether there is a legal solution to your problem, explain what options are open to you and direct you to where you may obtain further assistance where appropriate. You should note that if you have already consulted a solicitor about the same matter, FLAC is not in a position to second-guess that advice and therefore our advisors cannot give offer guidance on that matter.

Launch Of The Disability Legal Information Clinic By Attorney General Ms. Maire Whelan SC. In association with FLAC. » *Aras Moyola Room, Nuig. » 14th October 2011*

Committee 2011/2012

Treasurer: Elaine Whelan

Secretary: Ben Walsh

Clinics Convenor: Jack McInerney

Education Officer/Seminar Convenor: Claire Murray

Auditor: Ciara Dooley

Members Liaison Officer: Cara Teahan

Disability Clinics Convenor : Cliona De Bhailis **Public Relations Officer:** Emmet Greaney

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Brid Ni Chuinn

Treasurer: Rebecca Dunne

Secretary: Jack McInerney

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,128.41	Gifts	€40.00
Sponsorship	€500.00	Makeup/Props	€20.00
USC Grant	€500.00	Materials	€82.00
		Promotions	€550.74
		Stationary	€100.00
		Expenditure Total	€792.74
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,335.67
Total	€2,128.41	Total	€2,128.41

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 400 members.

ALIVE Participation

<u>Charlene Walsh</u>	Volunteer	150 hours
<u>Jennifer Dalton</u>	Vice Auditor	400 hours
<u>Catherine Lavin</u>	Volunteer	20 hours
<u>Susan Crean</u>	Legal Advisor Volunteer	50 hours
<u>Alexandra Brady</u>	Legal Advisor volunteer	60 hours
<u>Lisa Whelan</u>	Volunteer	16 hours
<u>Jonathan Foudy</u>	Volunteer	48 hours
<u>Jack McInerney</u>	Clinic Convenor	300 hours
<u>Emmet Greaney</u>	Volunteer, PRO	210 hours
<u>Charlotte May-Simera</u>	Disability Clinic	40 hours
<u>Thomas Mullen</u>	Volunteer	22 hours
<u>Danielle Cuffe</u>	Volunteer	25 hours
<u>Bill Ryan</u>	Legal advisor volunteer	30 hours
<u>Kevin King</u>	Volunteer	75 hours
<u>Catherine Corcoran</u>	Volunteer	15 hours
<u>Jason McMenamin</u>	Volunteer	65 hours
<u>Elizabeth Kamundia</u>	Volunteer	30 hours
<u>Kealinn Ross</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Ciara Dooley</u>	Auditor	100 hours
<u>Lavinia Valette</u>	Volunteer	40 hours
<u>Maria Mellsop</u>	student advisor	10 hours
<u>Simona Siskauskaite</u>	Volunteer	25 hours
<u>Claire Murray</u>	Education Officer	200 hours
<u>Brid Ni Chuinn</u>	Volunteer	25 hours
<u>Cliona De Bhailis</u>	Disability Clinics Co-ordinator	200 hours
<u>Cara Teahan</u>	Member Liason Officer	65 hours
<u>Louis Desmond</u>	Volunteer	60 hours
# ALIVE Students:	27 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	2291 hours	

French Soc

The French Society promotes the French language and francophone culture. This is done through a wide range of both social and academic events, to provide a platform for everyone to learn regardless of their level of French.

Over the year, the French Society worked together with students to organise French language classes, inter-varsity debates and conversation nights out. The atmosphere was always amazing at French Soc, with such a range of diverse people in one society.

Everyone always showed great enthusiasm and great character as we bilingually communicated among one another.

On numerous occasions, international members informed the society that the idea of the French Society was super for them, as it was a way to meet Irish students, it was an escape from their studies, it was constant so every week they could attend a friendly event and the French Society meetings were always open to discussion - so when they felt they had a great idea, they never hesitated to put their hand up.

French Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 35 events.

Campus tour! » *All over campus » 9th September 2011*

First event of the year! We are going to do an easy going campus tour for all of your French students and students who just need a little bit of help getting around the place!

French Society A.G.M. » *ac201 » 19th September 2011*

The French Society's A.G.M!!! Many ideas to be discussed and positions to be filled. Come along and get involved!

Open Performance of Breton Culture and March? Breton » *Town Hall Theatre » 23rd September*

Everyone who is a member of the French Society has been invited by the Management of the Town Hall to attend an open session of Breton dancing and music organised by a group of dancers and musicians from Lorient, Brittany.

NO ADMISSION CHARGE

This night will also present an opportunity to meet members of the Lorient twinning committee.

On Saturday morning from 9am until 2pm the visiting Bretons will be holding a " March? Breton" in the grounds of St. Nicholas' Church (which is just beside shop street).

First Weekly Meeting and Social Night! » *Darcy Thompson Theatre » 27th September 2011*

First weekly meeting for all members. Anyone who wasn't at the AGM last week don't be afraid to come along for the meeting and night out afterwards. The meeting will only be for around half an hour then we'll head on to The King's Head.

French Soc film night! Presenting: OSS 117 » *Darcy Thompson Theatre » 4th October 2011*

In association with our friends at Film Soc....

We are proud to present our first film night of the year! Following on from an amazing conversation and social night last Tuesday, our members (spurred on by the influential French) decided that we should show OSS 117.

"OSS 117, c'est Hubert Bonnisseur de la Bath, le plus patant des agents secrets. mains nues, il est indestructible. Nu, il est imbattable."

It will have English subtitles of course, so bring your friends and keep the buzz going for the French Soc!!

French Soc Tandem Night! » *The Cellar Bar » 11th October 2011*

French Society Tandem Night! One on one conversations lasting 5 minutes, you choose the language to speak! This is a great way to make new friends, especially if you haven't come along to our event before! Everyone is here to either improve their English or their French and this will be a light hearted, quick-fire way to get to know people! ALL WELCOME, soyez la!

Bowling night » *The Planet » 18th October 2011*

There will be a members meeting at 7.30pm in the Darcy Thompson theatre then we will all walk down to The Planet for some bowling!

Places for bowling are limited so get to the meeting on time at half 7 in order to secure your place! First round is 5 euro and if you want to play another round it will be free if you have bought a refreshment!

Multi Soc Halloween Ball - In association with FanSci, Comic Soc, AnimeManga, Gig Soc, Choral Soc, Juggling Soc, Comedy Soc, Rock Soc and NSS! » *Monroe's » 27th October 2011*

Multi-Soc Halloween Ball! Being held in Monroe's from 21h30. Billets - €5 Soyez-la!

French Soc Wine and Cheese night! » *The Cellar Bar » 1st November 2011*

Come along and to enjoy this aspect of French culture!

Conversation workshop » *darcy thompson » 8th November 2011*

Free conversational workshop.. everyone welcome!

French film film night: Amelie! » *darcy thompson » 8th November 2011*

Showing of French film "Amelie".. film chosen by our facebook members from a poll of 7 films.. Sure to be popular, soyez la!

Film: Bonjour Tristesse » *O hEocha Theatre » 15th November 2011*

Especially for 1BA students, the American version of "Bonjour Tristesse" will be shown in the Eocha Theatre (Arts Millennium Building) starting at 18h30. Everybody welcome, venez nombreux!

French Conversational Workshop » Darcy Thompson » 15th November 2011

Our second conversational workshop of the semester. completely free and aimed at absolutely anyone who wishes to attend. This workshop was requested many times throughout the year and our first one was an unprecedented success! Aimed particularly at those who currently aren't studying French or those who are studying French but want to improve upon their confidence in speaking.

French soc members meeting and debate practice » No suggestions found » 17th January 2012

First members meeting of the year! We will be outlining our plans and preparing our events. Also we will be preparing for our debate against Trinity on the 30th of January so anybody with experience in debating or who would like to help is more than welcome to come along! A bientot!

French Soc Table Quiz » College Bar » 23rd January 2012

Come join the French Soc for our first major event of the year, our annual quiz night in the college bar. All welcome and all questions will be in both English and French, Soyez la!

Weekly meeting » No suggestions found » 24th January 2012

Weekly committee and members meeting. Will be preparing mostly for our debate against TCD tonight. Any help would be welcome!

French Soc Debate against TCD » Trinity College » 30th January 2012

Debate against TCD in Dublin on the motion "Can the European Union stay true to its motto to stay united in diversity?". Debate is of course through the medium of French. All welcome to join and support your debate team!

French Soc Film Night: "Pepe Le Moko" » Fottrell Theatre (AM200) » 31st January 2012

The first of three films being shown in conjunction with the French Dept. "Pepe Le Moko" is part of the 2BA 1930s film module and so will be essential viewing for all students taking this module.

French Soc Film Night : La Grande Illusion » No suggestions found » 7th February 2012

Once again in conjunction with the French Department we will be showing a film for the 2BA course but is still open to everyone! La Grande Illusion is a 1937 French war film directed by Jean Renoir, who co-wrote the screenplay with Charles Spaak. The story concerns class relationships among a small group of French officers who are prisoners of war during World War I and are plotting an escape.

French Soc Conversation Night » Massimo's (10 William St. West) » 8th February 2012

The first of our popular conversational nights for this semester. Come along, have some free food, quelques verres and speak a bit of French. Absolutely everyone welcome as always regardless of your level of French.

Film showing: La Bete Humaine » Fottrell Theatre » 14th February 2012

Showing of "La Bete Humaine", the last of 3 movies shown in conjunction with the French Department as part of the 2BA programme. Originally a 1890s novel that has been adapted many times for cinema, it is based around the railway between Paris and Le Havre in the 19th century and is a tense, psychological thriller.

French Soc Conversation Night » Massimo's Bar » 29th February 2012

Our next conversation night this semester! Loads of free food and francais as always! Starting at 7.30pm, see you all there!

French Soc Conversation Workshop » TB303 » 1st March 2012

Want to brush up on your speaking skills? We are delighted to bring back our popular conversation workshops from the first semester. Everyone welcome regardless of level of French! Soyez la!

French Soc conversation workshop » Tb303 » 8th March 2012

The second of our conversation workshops for this semester. Everyone welcome regardless of your level of French! Completely free as always!

The Weir - in conjunction with Lorient's English Speaking Society » Art Gallery in the Quad » 12th March 2012

First of our 4 big events this week. The Weir, by Conor McPherson a play being performed by the English speaking society in the French University of Lorient. Sure to be a great night so come along! There will be signs around the Quad to help you find the Theatre.

French Soc Film Night - The Artist » Fottrell Theatre in AMB » 13th March 2012

Showing of the massive film 'The Artist', the silent movie that was the big winner at this year's Oscars!

Information Night » TBD (Engineering Building) » 14th March 2012

Information night for those going on the trip to Nice

French Soc Conversation Workshop » TB303 » 15th March 2012

Our next conversation workshop of the semester. Dont be afraid to come along even if it's your first time! Been of huge benefit to all who have attended to far. Free as always!

French Soc Debate against NUI Maynooth French Soc! » TB303 » 16th March 2012

Intervaristy Debate against NUIM on the motion that 'St Patricks Day is just a day to get drunk'. Should be fun seeing as its being debated just the day before! Come along and support your team!

Trip to the French Riviera » Nice! » 17th March – 19th March 2012 (3 individual events)

A group of students are going to a trip along the French Riviera, visiting all the fantastic towns along the way!

French Soc Conversation Workshop » TB303 » 22nd March 2012

Our penultimate conversation workshop, come along everyone welcome as always!

French Soc AGM » AM250 » 28th March 2012

The French Soc Agm will take place on Tuesday 27th March. We will be electing the new committee that will take us through to next year. Come along if you wish to get involved!

French Soc Final Conversation Workshop » tb303 » 29th March 2012

Our final conversation workshop of the year. Will help for those all important orals coming up and any others issues you have. Come along even it'll be your first time!

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Michael Slevin

Vice-Auditor: Nakita McCool

Treasurer: Diarmuid Fahey

Secretary: Roisin Murphy

PRO: Ciara Reddington

PRO: Dara Turnbull

OCM: Tara Wray

OCM: Mark Hughes

OCM: Florian Cornillet

OCM: Niamh O'Brien

OCM: Shane O'Neill

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Mark Hughes

Vice-Auditor: Shane O'Neill

PRO: Alan Jennings

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,149.15	Bank charge	€115.02
Bank Charge	€2.24	Entertainment	€347.77
Members Contributions	€83.50	Hoodies	€249.00
SocsBox Till	€285.00	Printing	€51.00
USC Grant	€1,000.00	Prizes	€127.32
		Society transport	€1,511.00
		SocsBox Till Refund	€26.00
		Socs day expenses	€62.33
		Teacher fees	€30.00
		Expenditure Total	€2,519.44
		Closing Bank Balance	€0.45
Total	€2,519.89	Total	€2,519.89

Other Information

We held 45 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 494 members.

ALIVE

Mark Hughes	Travel Officer	400 hours
Michael Slevin	Auditor	500 hours
Roisin Murphy	Secretary	300 hours
Tara Wray	First Year Liason Officer	35 hours
Dara Turnbull	P.R.O.	350 hours
Shane O'Neill	Ordinary Committee Member	250 hours

<u>Nakita McCool</u>	Vice Auditor	300 hours
<u>Diarmuid Fahey</u>	Treasurer	400 hours
<u>Niamh O'Brien</u>	OCM	160 hours
# ALIVE Students:	9 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	2695 hours	

Friends of MSF (New Society)

MSF is the world's leading medical humanitarian organization, working principally in emergency situations and employing not just doctors but also nurses, engineers, logisticians, project managers and lawyers. NUIG Friends of MSF aims to raise funds and awareness for those in need of urgent medical attention around the world! NUIG Friends of MSF has had a successful first year, through multiple fun events, and hopes to continue to grow with increasing support and awareness.

Friends of MSF Events

This year the society held a total of 1 event.

Working in a Warzone » *clinical science institute, small lecture theatre* » 16th November 2011

The society will hold its first event this Wednesday when it welcomes Galway doctor and NUIG graduate Dr. John Morris, who will speak about his experiences working abroad with MSF as well as MSF head of office Ms. Jane-Anne McKenna.

Committee 2011/2012

Law Liaison: Thais Pinheiro

Vice-Auditor: Karen O'Brien

Treasurer: Conor McLoughlin

Secretary: Esraa Hegazy

PRO: Maeve Brassil

OCM: Christine Campbell

OCM: Colm Harrington

OCM: Conor Moran

Auditor: John Campion

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0.00	Bank charge	€30.63
USC Grant	€250.00	Dinner	€53.30
		Reception	€56.29
		Speaker travel	€50.00
		Expenditure Total	€190.22
		Closing Bank Balance	€59.78
Total	€250.00	Total	€250.00

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 155 members.

ALIVE

<u>Omar Mansour</u>	Fundraiser	26 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	26 hours	

G-eos

This year GEOS saw a reform. We are a Departmental Society. Our aim is to involve and introduce people into the society. We host guest lectures, movie nights/social nights and this year we began a series of Informal Tutorials aimed to help students in 1st and 2nd year who needed a little bit of extra help with lab work or who had questions about an aspect of a module. These were run and organised by the 3rd members of the committee. GEOS is open to everyone in NUI Galway and not just for those studying Earth and Ocean Science.

G-eos Events

This year the society held a total of 21 events.

First year welcome » *The quadrangle / Geology museum » 20th September 2011*

The staff, post grads and older years welcome the first years. Tea/Coffee and biscuits served.

Informal tutorials » *The quad » 11th October – 29th November 2011 (8 individual events)*

Informal tutorials to help first and second years if they are having problems with there labs or lectures.

Robert Murphy Guest lecturer » *AC » 12th October 2011*

Robert Murphy will give a guest lecture on hydrocarbons in the North Atlantic

Robert Murphy's - North Atlantic Conjugate Margin Setting » *AC201 » 12th October 2011*

Robert Murphy's talk on North Atlantic Conjugate Margin Setting - Implications for hydrocarbon prospectivity.

helping out with 4th year presentations » *The quad A206 » 16th November 2011*

help set out the lunch for the 4th years presentation.

Movie 2012 » *O'Flaherty Theatre, Concourse » 17th January 2012* We are watching the movie 2012 in arus an mac leinn. Free Pizza

Guest lecturer » *Teaching room 201 » 8th February 2012* Dr. Stephen Grimes will give a lecture titled.

The paleogene, from icehouse to green house a paleoclimatologists dream.

IGRM » *University of ireland Cork » 17th February – 19th February 2012 (3 individual events)*

G-EOS will be going down to cork for the week end for the IGRM (Irish geological Research Meeting).

Informal tutorials » *The quad back of the museum » 23rd February 2012*

Informal tutorials to help first and second year students that are struggling or don't quite understand there lectures or labs.

Guest speaker » *The quad A206 » 6th March 2012*

Tim lowenstein will give a guest lecture titled 'microbes buried alive'

Penny spikins » *The quadrangle A206 » 13th March 2012*

penny spikins will give a lecture intitled 'TWO ROADS DIVERGED IN A YELLOW WOOD?': Did a subtle difference in the evolutionary path taken by Neanderthals cause their decline?

AGM » *the hub » 27th March 2012* G-EOS agm

Committee 2011/2012

Secretary: Megan MacCourt

Treasurer: Billy Archbold

Vice HSTO: James Lang

HSTO: Riona Burke

1st Year Rep: Matthew Foyle

3rd Year Rep: Donal Duffy

OCM: Lisa O'Brien

OCM: Orla Bathenright

Auditor: Micheal O'Flatharta

Vice-Auditor: Joanne Casserly

4th Year rep: Jeremy Sterling

Vice Treasurer: Ciara Byrne

2nd Year Rep: Megan Fay

PRO: Amelia Hilley

OCM: Clara O'Reilly

Committee 2012/2013

Vice-Auditor: Matthew Foyle

Treasurer: Ciara Byrne

OCM: Riona Burke

3rd Year Rep: Steven Mullally

Auditor: Orla Bathenright

Secretary: Megan Fay

HSTO: David Burdon

OCM: Joanne Casserly

4th Year Rep: Megan MacCourt

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	361.33	Bank charge	€18.24
Hoodies	€108.00	Dinner	€138.30
SocsBox Till	€527.50	Hire Bus	€500.00
USC Grant	€2,300.00	Hoodies	€412.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€119.52
		Prizes	€35.70
		Reception	€35.00
		Society accommodation	€806.00
		Speaker accommodation	€299.14
		Speaker travel	€713.56
		Video Hire	€60.00
		Expenditure Total	€3,137.46
		Closing Bank Balance	€159.37
Total	€3,296.83	Total	€3,296.83

Other Information

We held 30 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 153 members.

ALIVE Participation

<u>Donal Duffy</u>	3rd year rep	20 hours
<u>James Lang</u>	HSTO	250 hours
<u>Matthew Foyle</u>	First Year rep	290 hours
<u>Micheal O'Flatharta</u>	Auditor	450 hours
<u>Riona Burke</u>	HSTO	370 hours
<u>Joanne Casserly</u>	Vice- Auditor	430 hours
<u>Megan MacCourt</u>	Secretary	350 hours
<u>Megan Fay</u>	2nd Year Rep	200 hours
<u>Steven Mullally</u>	OCM	214 hours
<u>Orla Bath-Enright</u>	OCM	207 hours
<u>Ciara Byrne</u>	Vice-Treasurer and Member	200 hours
# ALIVE Students:	11 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	2981 hours	

Geography Soc

The earth and nature. Geography seeks to understand the flow of the world, and to educate our members about current issues surrounding the ground we walk on.

Geography Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

Geography Society EGM » *Mac Aodha Seminar Room (Geography Dept.)* » 14th November 2011

The first semester is halfway through so I thought it was about time we have an AGM. It will be an opportunity for those of you interested in becoming society members to come along, get involved and voice your suggestions of possible activities for the coming year!

Geography Society EGM & Christmas Party!! » *Busker Browns* » 20th December 2011

Geog Soc will be hosting its Christmas party and AGM at Buskers! All those interested in joining the society please do come along, any suggestions for events for next semester are welcome! Hope to see you all there!

'The Pipe' » *Oslo Bar, Salthill » 24th October 2011*

Viewing 'The Pipe' documentary on the Corrib Gas controversy will be shown tonight in the Oslo Bar, Salthill, 8.00PM.

Tim Robinson Event » *Nun's Island Theatre » 9th December 2011*

The Geographical Society of Ireland is delighted to announce that it will host a (free) public screening of the documentary celebrating the work of writer and cartographer, Tim Robinson, in Nuns' Island Theatre, Galway, on Friday 9th December 2011 as part of its series of public events for 2011.

Tim Robinson: Connemara, directed by Pat Collins of Harvest Films, will be shown at 6pm and will be followed by a wine and Irish cheese reception in Sheridans? Wine Bar, Churchyard Street, at 8pm that evening.

A brief talk on the history of Irish food produce will also take place on the night, presented by Br?d'n Carroll, a doctoral candidate currently working on issues of sustainability and food systems at NUI Galway. Tickets are free and will be available on the door on the night.

Alternative Transport in Galway » *bailey allen hall » 14th February 2012*

Tuesday 14th February, 12-1pm, Large Acoustic Room Aras Na Macleinn: Alternative Transport in Galway - Double bill of presentations on the Galway Cycling Campaign and the Ballyvaughan Bay Hop Project (which hopes to set up a commuter ferry between Ballyvaughan and Galway- given by Gwen Ryan).

Seed- Bombing Workshop » *Geography Lab, Room 217 (upstairs, Geog Dept.) » 15th February 2012*

Seed bombs contain seeds, compost and nutrients (basically everything seeds need to germinate and thrive) all encased in a ball of clay soil. They can then be thrown onto land to transform a disused, neglected area into a colourful oasis!!!

There will also be a chance to SEED SWAP after the workshop, so bring along any spare seeds you wish to share?????.....No seeds? No Worries! Come along anyway! + Free food and drink!!!

Presentation by Seamus Sheridan on the benefits of local food and sustainability » *Tyndall Theatre » 15th February 2012*

Wednesday 15th February, 1-2pm, Tyndall Lecture Theatre: Presentation by Seamus Sheridan (Cheesemonger and Green Party spokesman on agriculture and food) on local food and sustainability

Committee 2011/2012

Vice-Auditor: Michelle McKeown

Treasurer: Nessa Golden

Auditor: Dubheasa Kelly

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	19.10	Bank charge	€9.36
USC Grant	€2,250.00	Society transport	€1,750.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,759.36
		Closing Bank Balance	€509.74
Total	€2,269.10	Total	€2,269.10

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 71 members.

German Society

The German Society is involved with the promotion of the German language and the facilitation of learners and speakers to interact through various events. These events can include our regular "Stammtisch" as well as one off events. As well as promotion of the language we also strive towards promotion of the culture and we hold events pertaining to this.

German Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 14 events.

Boat trip » *The Corrib Princess* » 12th October 2011

A two hour boat trip on the "Corrib Princess". A chance for members of the German Society to mingle and chat. Food will be provided and there is a bar on the boat which also provides non-alcoholic drinks. Will be followed by a night in McSwiggans with live music.

Filmabend "Goodbye, Lenin!" » AM200 » 18th October 2011

"Germany, 1989: Alex lives with his sister Ariane and his mother Christiane in East Berlin. His father fled to the West in 1978.

Stammtisch » *McSwiggans bar and restaurant* » 20th October – 21st October 2011 (2 individual events)

A chance for members of the German society, and anyone else that wants to come along, to meet up and chat, either in English oder auf Deutsch, in an informal and relaxed setting. McSwiggans is located on Eyre st near Eddie Rockets.

Filmabend "Der Baader-Meinhof-Komplex" » AM200 » 25th October 2011

Germany in the 1970s: Murderous bomb attacks, the threat of terrorism and the fear of the enemy inside are rocking the very foundations of the yet fragile German democracy. With English subs and entrance is free.

"Oktoberfest" fancy dress party » *The Cellar* » 27th October 2011

"Oktoberfest" party taking place in The Cellar Bar. Free finger food and other promos!!!!!!! Come dressed as something "German" (whether you make homemade Lederhosen or a Busty Beermaid costume ;P). Best dressed on the night win prizes so make an effort! :)

Filmabend "Das Schlo?The Castle" » AM200 » 1st November 2011

A movie directed by Michael Haneke in 1997. Left unfinished by Kafka in 1922 and not published until 1926, two years after his death, The Castle is the haunting tale of K.'s relentless, unavailing struggle with an inscrutable authority in order to gain access to the Castle.

Filmabend "Full Metal Village" » AM200 » 8th November 2011

Full Metal Village is a 2007 documentary film about the lives of the residents of a small village in the German state of Schleswig-Holstein, Wacken, in a series of interviews and visual tableaux as it prepares for the annual Wacken Open Air Festival. Shown with English subs.

Stammtisch » *McSwiggans bar and restaurant* » 10th November 2011

Join us as we meet for our regular Stammtisch in McSwiggans. As usual, there will be banter, both in English und auf Deutsch. McSwiggans is located between Eddie Rockets and the Hole in the Wall on Eyre street.

Filmabend "Sonnenallee" » AM200 » 15th November 2011

A group of kids grow up on the short, wrong (east) side of the Sonnenallee in Berlin, next to one of the few border crossings for German citizens.

German soc christmas party » AM204 and *The Cellar Bar* » 24th November 2011

The German socs annual xmas bash!!!! We will be first meeting up in AM 204 to have some Gl?hwein (mulled wine) and perhaps some Lebkuchen. After that we will be heading to The Cellar Bar to continue the festivities. All welcome!!!

Stammtisch » *The Cellar Bar* » 23rd January 2012

A meet up in the cellar bar and a good opportunity for informal banter among members of the society, whether it is in English oder auf Deutsch.

Stammtisch » *the Cellar* » 13th February 2012

Our second Stammtisch of the spring semester is taking place in the Cellar Bar on Eglinton street at 8pm. A good chance for banter between members of the soc in English oder auf Deutsch. Free finger food will be provided by the bar.

Bowling auf Deutsch! » *Leisureworld, Headford Road (Beside Tesco, Galway Shopping Centre)* » 12th March 2012

Haven't got a job to strike from? - Not to worry, strike away to your hearts content with the German Soc at Leisureworld! Kick off your week like a true King-Pin but without the cost - free game of bowling with every drink purchased!

Committee 2011/2012

Vice Treasurer: Emma O'Toole

Auditor: Jake Murphy

Treasurer: Aisling Forde

Vice-Auditor: Anzela Fronckevic

Secretary: Sean Murphy

PRO: Alicia Wall

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	492.95	Bank charge	€44.50
SocsBox Till	€360.00	Costumes	€471.13
Ticket Sales	€180.00	Dinner	€179.96
USC Grant	€1,000.00	Materials	€50.50
		Prizes	€6.95
		Reception	€80.00
		Set	€650.00
		Society transport	€316.70
		Expenditure Total	€1,799.74
		Closing Bank Balance	€223.21
Total	€2,032.95	Total	€2,022.95

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 256 members.

ALIVE Participation

<u>Jake Murphy</u>	Auditor	250 hours
<u>Anzela Fronckevic</u>	Vice auditor	250 hours
<u>Alicia Wall</u>	PRO	250 hours
<u>Aisling Forde</u>	Treasurer	250 hours
# ALIVE Students:	4 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	1000 hours	

GiGSoc (Gay In Galway)

GiG Soc is the best society in NUI Galway. We aim to provide a forum for all university students and staff interested in taking part in LGBT education campaigns, film screenings and social events! All are welcome to come along :)

GiG Soc is the LGBT society in NUIG. We aim to bring together all members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community that are interested in getting involved in the university, together with anyone interested in LGBT issues, rights and social events.

GiGSoc (Gay In Galway) Events

This year the society held a total of 16 events.

GiG Soc EGM and Coming Out Night » *The View, Aras na Mac Léinn.* » 19th September 2011

Hey all you gorgeous GiGgers!

It's that time of year again... GiG Soc is back!

Afterwards we will be heading out to town! Most likely to Monroe's (we will confirm the location at the meeting) so people can mingle and get to know each other, if they want to! :D I look forward to seeing you all there!

Important

If you are considering attending but are a bit wary because you might not know anyone there, we can arrange an ice breaker for you if you wish!

Our NLMO (New Members Liason Officer) Paul to meet you before the meeting so you will know somebody there :)

Just mail us at gigsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie with your request and we will arrange something :)

GiG Soc Christmas Dinner » *Meeting Room 2 Aras Na Mac Leinn* » *1st March 2012*

Yes, you read right. GiG Soc are having a Christmas event.

We'll be having a Christmas dinner type of dealy in The Stage in Aras Na Mac Leinn. Dinner will start at 7.30pm :)

Everyone who comes brings a dish! Any dish of any kind will be accepted (as will most types of wine).

GiG Soc EGM » *The View* » *19th September 2011*

This Monday (September 19th) is our EGM, which will be held in Aras na Mac Léinn, upstairs in The View (just beside the Art Room in case anyone does not know.)

Come along if you are interested in running for a position on the committee as one of our OCMs!

Film Screening! (Breakfast on Pluto) » *large acoustic room* » *28th September 2012 1 individual event*

Film screening of Breakfast on Pluto, starring Cillian Murphy, this Wednesday at 3.30pm in the Large Acoustic Room.

A group of us will also be heading out to Dignity Wednesday night.

We will meet in front of the college bar at 10.30pm and be in town before 11pm :)

Equality Week » *aras na mac leinn* » *3rd October – 6th October 2011 (4 individual events)*

This week is NUIG's annual Equality Week, so details of GiG Soc's plans are outlined below for each day :)

Monday: Film screening 1: Milk. 13:00-15:00, (Large Acoustic Room.)

Sean Penn's Oscar winning performance in the extremely popular biographical film about American gay rights activist Harvey Milk. Film

Screening 2: The kids are all right. 16:00-18:00. (Large Acoustic Room.)

The golden globe winning and Oscar nominated movie about a Married lesbian couple trying to raise a family in modern America?

Tuesday: Film screening 1: Brokeback Mountain. 12:30-14:30 (The Space.)

The popular and controversial film depicts the complex sexual and romantic relationship between two men in the American west.

Film screening 2: Boys don't cry? 13:30-15:30. (Large Acoustic Room.)

Hillary swank gives an Oscar winning performance in the powerful Biographical tale of Brandon Teena, a young transgender man who attempts to pursue a relationship with a young woman.

Film screening 3: Philadelphia. 15:30-17:30. (The Space.)

One of the first mainstream movies to deal with the issue of aids and homophobia. Tom Hanks and Denzel Washington star in the ground-breaking 1993 film that tells the story of an attorney who sues a law firm for wrongful discrimination after it was discovered he had aids.

Wednesday: We have a guest speaker from Aids West coming in to give a talk about sexual health awareness

Time: 18:00 Location: Aras Ui Cathail.

Thursday: GiG Soc MARRIAGES!!! This is an event where you get to marry a friend (or a stranger... whatever you are into), either male or female. The marriages will start at approx 1pm and the service will be available until 4.

As another event, Classics Soc are hosting a talk entitled 'Gay and lesbian sex in ancient Greece' At 6pm in the Darcy Thompson theatre.

Purple Spirit Day » *NUI Galway* » *20th October 2011*

On spirit day, we wear purple in honour of gay and lesbian people who have been victimized and abused because of their sexual orientation.

Please participate and wear something purple as a mark of respect for those that have been lost.

Committee 2011/2012

OCM: Milena Milojcic

Vice-Auditor: Andrew Keaveney

Secretary: Claire McCallion

PRO: Claire Finnegan

Auditor: Aishling Clancy

Treasurer: James Greaney

OCM: Sean Mooney

OCM: Catherine Ziemann

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Claire McCallion

Treasurer: Erika Nethaway

PRO: Gary Feehan

OCM: Sean Mooney

OCM: Aishling Clancy

Secretary: Claire Finnegan

Educational Officer: Paul Browne

NLMO: Lee Monaghan

OCM: Andrew Keaveney

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	118.64	Bank charge	€17.54
Bank Charge	€5.24	Society transport	€150.00
Members Contributions	€100.00	Expenditure Total	€167.54
USC Grant	€1,150.00	Closing Bank Balance	€1,206.34
Total	€1,373.88	Total	€1,373.88

Other Information

We held 13 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 331 members.

ALIVE Participants

<u>Sean Mooney</u>	OCM	12 hours
<u>Claire Finnegan</u>	PRO	15 hours
<u>Claire McCallion</u>	Secretary	80 hours
<u>Sean Kearns</u>	Member	25 hours
# ALIVE Students:	4 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	132 hours	

Go SOC (New Society)

The Go society was created to spread the wonderful game of go/weiqi/baduk around NUIG. We would meet every week and show new members how to play the game and also to discuss the game and play with current members.

Go Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 38 events.

Meeting » *Smokey's Cafe* » 5th October – 6th October 2011 (2 individual events)

Let's meet and play go!

Go Workshop/meeting » *Aras na Mac Léinn - Small Acoustic Room* » 11th October 2011

A workshop/meeting to discuss go basics and life and death problems. We'll also just have a bit of craic and play some games. All welcome!

Super Meeting » *Smokey's cafe* » 12th October 2011

Shall we meet, play go and wage war on the board?

Weekly meeting » *Smokey's Cafe* » 19th October 2011

Table Quiz » *college bar* » 24th October 2011

A table quiz in conjunction with the Chess and Comedy societies. Free finger food, and lots of spot prizes and a super grand prize!

Brilliant Meeting » *Smokey's Cafe* » 26th October 2011

First Winter meeting » *The Stage Ar?'s na MacLeinn* » 2nd November 2011

Go Meeting » *Smokey's Cafe* » 9th November 2011

Competition » *UCC* » 19th November – 20th November 2011 (2 individual events)

There will be a go competition in Cork. This will be a great opportunity to learn and play other people from around Ireland and the World.

As an extra bonus it will be in the greatest city in the world!

Meeting » *Smokey's Cafe* » 23rd November 2011

Meeting » *meeting room 1 (upstairs in Aras Na MacLeinn)* » 30th November 2011

Competition/Party » *C219 ?ras De Brun* » 7th December 2011

A mini competition for all members! Refreshments will be served.

Let's play go » *Westwood Hotel Bar* » 23rd January 2012

Underwater Go! » *Smokey's cafe* » 25th January 2012

Underwater Go in the galway bay hotel. Let's meet at Smokey's cafe and walk out. Bring togs, swimming hat and goggles. Hope to see you there!

Let's play go » *Westwood Hotel Bar* » 30th January 2012

Meeting/play go » *smokey joes* » 1st February 2012

Galway go club meet » *Westwood hotel bar* » 6th February 2012

Let's play go » *smokey joes* » 8th February 2012

Galway go club meet » *Westwood hotel* » 27th February 2012

weekly meeting » *smokey joes* » 29th February 2012

Irish Go Congress » *dublin* » 2nd March – 4th March 2012 (3 individual events)

The Irish Go congress will be on this weekend. This should be a great competition, being the biggest in Ireland! It will be a great opportunity to see our rivals from Cork and Dublin, meet lots of nice go players, and learn a few bits and pieces as well.

Galway go club meet » *Westwood hotel* » 5th March 2012

weekly meeting » *smokey joes* » 7th March 2012

Go Meeting » *Westwood Hotel bar* » 12th March 2012

Meeting/play go » *smokey joes* » 14th March 2012

Go Club Meets » *Westwood Hotel Bar* » 19th March 2012

Meeting » *smokey joes* » 21st March 2012

weekly meeting » *smokies* » 28th March 2012

Human Chess and Underwater Go/Chess/Charades » *TBC* » 29th March 2012

In conjunction with the chess and charades societies we will have a human chess game. Volunteers for this are needed so please get in touch if you want to partake. Also that evening we'll have underwater games again.

Meeting/play go » *Westwood hotel bar* » 16th April 2012

weekly meeting » *smokey joes* » 9th May 2012

Let's meet and enjoy this beautiful game of Go. Also there is a tournament at the end of the month so it'll be a good chance to brush up on your go skills:)

Go Club Meets » *Westwood hotel bar* » 14th May 2012 All welcome! Starts at 8p.m.

3rd annual Galway tournament » *Bridge Club* » 26th May – 27th May 2012 (2 individual events)

There is a tournament in Galway! All welcome! Free entry for NUIG students. This will be a great opportunity to meet go players from around Ireland and Europe- not to be missed. You'll also learn alot about the game under tournament play and share ideas with other players. I would highly recommend the weekend. There will be nights out too on the Friday and Saturday.

Committee 2011/2012

Vice-Auditor: Fintan Hegarty

Auditor: Thomas Shanahan

Treasurer: Kevin Doherty

Secretary: Artur Gower

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0.00	Bank charge	€23.39
USC Grant	€500.00	Equipment misc	€75.78
		Society accommodation	€112.80
		Society transport	€40.00
		Expenditure Total	€251.97
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€248.03
Total	€500.00	Total	€500.00

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 85 members.

Hispano Society

Hispano Society provides a social outlet for all students interested in Spanish. This year we organised social events to give Spanish speakers and those interested in learning the language a chance to meet.

Hispano Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

Hispano Soc Pinata Night » college bar » 11th October – 12th October 2011 (2 individual events)

We are happy to announce our first event of the year, which will be taking place, Tuesday the 11th, a Mexican themed party at 7:30 pm in the college bar. Your orientation skills will be put to the test as you battle it out with our giant Piñata! :)

Language exchange party » skeff eyre square » 19th October – 20th October 2011 (2 individual events)

we are having an intercambio night at 8:30 pm next wednesday the 19th in the skeff on eyre square! There will be free finger food and promotions for all guests! The more the merrier!

Intercambio fiesta » skeff eyre square » 2nd November – 3rd November 2011 (2 individual events)

Due to the fantastic success of last week's Intercambio in the Skeff we will be holding another language exchange party same time same place (20.30h/8.30pm Wednesday in the Skeff) FREE FOOD on the night for all hispano soc members!

Spanish Conversation and Coffee » Back of College Bar » 29th February 2012

This week we will be holding a coffee morning en Espanol on Wednesday between 12 and 2pm at the back of the College Bar. We might even go wild and get the scrabble out. And if you're lucky we'll feed you bikkies too.

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Lindsay Shorten

PRO: Paul Robinson

OCM : Monika Jurkiewicz

OCM : Mike Carroll

Vice-Auditor: Hannah Higgins Pardo

Events: Sinead Doran

Treasurer: Niall Griffin

OCM : Victoria Vize

Secretary: Ronan Howley

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	2.04	Bank charge	€57.29
USC Grant	€500.00	Dinner	€141.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€57.64
		Expenditure Total	€255.93
		Closing Bank Balance	€246.11
Total	€502.04	Total	€502.04

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 192 members.

ALIVE

<u>Lindsay Shorten</u>	Auditor	26 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	26 hours	

Irish Studies Soc

The Irish Studies Society promotes all aspects of Irish culture for NUIG students. This year we organized and attended a number of cultural events. After Socs Day, we began the year by having a social evening where new and old members met each other. During the year we attended a number of Arts in Action events as a society, and we organized two film nights. In March, we had our 2nd annual Irish Studies Culture Evening in the Bailey Allen Hall.

Irish Studies Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

Irish Studies AGM » *Martha Fox House, Distillery Road* » 26th September 2011

We're elected our committee and planning the year ahead so come along if you're interested in getting involved.

Cathy Sharp Dance Ensemble » *Town Hall Theatre* » 21st November 2011

The Irish Studies Society invites you to attend an exciting performance by the Cathy Sharp Dance Ensemble at the Town Hall Theatre. Food and Refreshments afterwards.

Irish Comedy DVD Night » *Martha Fox House, 5 Distillery Road* » 22nd November 2011

We'll be watching the best that Irish comedy has to offer including Dylan Moran and the Savage Eye (suggestions welcome!) and then we'll be heading onto the Crane Bar to listen to a bit of Trad. Hope to see ye all there!

The Rehearsal, Playing the Dane » *Black Box Theatre* » 30th November 2011

The Irish Studies Society invites it's member to attend the Pan Pan Theatre company's acclaimed, prize-winning production, which is a modern take on Hamlet. Food and refreshments provided after.

Screening of 'The Guard' » *O Flaherty Theatre* » 22nd February 2012

Brendan Gleeson's 2011 Smash Comedy 'The Guard' where he portrayed Sergeant Gerry Boyle an "An unorthodox Irish policeman" is being screened by the Irish Studies Society this Wednesday coming the 22nd of Feb at 8pm in the O' Fla theatre on the Arts Concourse!

An Evening of Irish Culture » *bailey allen hall* » 7th March 2012

Irish Studies Society presents its second annual 'An Evening of Irish Culture'

Showcasing all aspects of Galway and Irish culture, this sit down performance will showcase musicians, dancers, poets, singers and artists. With talent drawn from the society, Centre of Irish Studies and the wider NUIG community it promises to be a wonderful evening of entertainment!

Irish Studies Culture Night » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 7th March 2012

Irish Studies Society presents its second 'Evening of Irish Culture'

With music, dance, poetry and art it showcases all aspects of Galway and Irish culture.

Starting at 8pm this night proved a great success last year and this year we aim to make it even better!

Free event and all are welcome.

Committee 2011/2012

Vice-Auditor: Aisling Nolan

Auditor: Andrew Shevlane

PRO: Jessica Farrell

PRO: Part 2: Leanne Lynch

Treasurer: Francis McManus

Secretary: Claire Long

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	2.86	Bank charge	€48.86
Bank Charge	€12.80	Dinner	€200.00
USC Grant	€500.00	Entry fees	€25.00
		Printing	€110.00
		Reception	€150.00
		Expenditure Total	€533.86
		Closing Bank Balance	€-18.20
Total	€515.66	Total	€515.66

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 184 members.

ALIVE

<u>Jacqueline Bowe</u>	Event Organiser	20 hours
<u>Rachel Divilly</u>	Fundraiser and Organiser	24 hours
<u>Kerrie McGee</u>	Volunteer	34 hours
# ALIVE Students:	3 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	78 hours	

ISS International Students Society

The International Students Society is a meeting point for all international or local students to get to know people, travel and have loads of fun. The aims of our society are to hold weekly if not bi weekly parties and cultural events . We also aim to organise several day and overnight trips throughout Ireland. Most of all, our biggest aim is to ensure that the exchange students have a spectacular time in NUI Galway and that they will be able to remember their experience in Ireland for years to come.

ISS International Students Society Events

This year the society held a total of 25 events.

ISS WICKED WEDNESDAY WELCOME PARTY » *The Skeff Pub, Eyre Square. » 21st September – 22nd September 2011* Hello international students and everyone else who is interested in having a great time.

This WEDNESDAY night we are having our welcome party at the Skeff Bar in Eyre Square located in the heart of Galway city.

The first 50 people to arrive will get a free drink!!!! WOW So everyone get on down to the Skeff at 8.30pm on 21/09/2011

ISS PUB CRAWL-SIGN UP NOW » *Spanish Arch! » 28th September 2011*

This Wednesday night we will be having a tour of pubs in Galway. A pub crawl can be defined as "a tour of bars or public houses So, what you need to do is bring your nice selves to the Spanish arch at 19.30 . To make life easier for us and you guys, we are going to divide you into groups.

In order to make these group it is ESSENTIAL THAT YOU SIGN UP FOR THE PUB CRAWL AT THE FOLLOWING EMAIL ADDRESS:

intstudents@socs.nuigalway.ie

Once that is completed we can put you into groups.

International student party » *Fibber Magee's » 3rd October 2011*

Day Trip to the beautiful Aran Islands » *Inis Mor. But we will be meeting outside the Quad, the old building at the entrance of University » 9th October 2011*

This Sunday we will be organizing a day trip to Inis Mor, the biggest and most spectacular of the three Islands.

The great news is that this amazing trip will only cost you 11euro. This price covers the cost of the ferry and the bus.

In order to go you need to sign up at the SOCSBOX. Tickets go on sale at 12 noon tomorrow, Tuesday,4th October. The SocsBox is located in Aras na Mac Linn beside the college bar.

Monday International Party » *Fibber Magees Bar, Eyre Square » 10th October 2011*

This Monday our party will be in Fibbers again!

We will be showing the American Football on the big screen upstairs too if people are interested. See you all on MONDAY at 8pm

Monday Passport Party! » *Fibber Magees Bar, Eyre Square » 17th October 2011*

This Monday in Fibbers we are having a PASSPORT PARTY... so you can show your national pride and wear your country's colours or dress as a stereotypical character from your home country

See you all on MONDAY at 8.30

ISS HALLOWEEN COSTUME BALL! » *The House Hotel, Lower Merchants Road, The Latin Quarter, Galway » 31st October 2011*

So, on 31st October we would like to invite you to our ISS HALLOWEEN COSTUME BALL! in the House Hotel

At this event there will be: CRAZY COSTUMES! THREE DJS! Delicious FINGER FOOD Prizes for best costumes!

And all in an AMAZING VENUE with HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS

Monday International Night Out » *Fibber Magees Bar, Eyre Square* » 7th November 2011

This Monday our session will begin in Fibbers, and will then move on to OCTOPUSSY at Carbon!!

See you all on MONDAY at 8.30pm

Monday International Night out with Psych Soc » *Fibber Magees Bar, Eyre Square* » 14th November 2011

We are having an inter-society party! International Students AND Psych Soc..

Start off in Fibber Magees with FREE finger food and then onto Octopussy in Carbon.

Last Monday PARTY before exams!!! » *Fibber Magees, Eyre Square then Carbon nightclub* » 21st November 2011

It's the last week of semester one, so for some of you it's your last chance for a university party in Galway! so come to Fibbers and Octopussy on Monday! See you all on MONDAY at 8.30

Christmas and Farewell Party @ The HUB, (ISS&NOM SOC) » *aras na mac leinn* » 16th December 2011

Sorry for the delay, but this Friday we will be having a X-mas & Farewell party at the HUB in Ar's Na Mac Leinn beside the college bar. The party will have a traditional Christmas theme and we will be providing mince pies and ginger bread. The baking soc of NUIG(NOM SOC) will be serving up some delicious home-made snacks as well. We will play all your favourite Christmas tunes and don't be afraid to wear cheesy a Christmas jumper, Santa hats and other festive costumes. It would also be fantastic if people could bring along a traditional Christmas food from their own county to give the party an international feel.

INTERNATIONAL WELCOME PARTY!!!! » *The Skeff Pub, Eyre Square* » 12th January 2012

Thursday 10th January at 8pm, we will all go to THE SKEFF!...

We will provide free finger food and most importantly, everyone will get a chance to meet each other :)

We will stay in the Skeff for a couple of hours and then free entry into Karma.

Monday International Party » *Fibber Magees, Eyre Square + Carbon, Eglington Street* » 23rd January 2012

For our new members, you may not know that we like to meet up on Mondays, to get to know each other and have some fun!!!

We will have the first Monday session of 2012 this Monday, and we hope to see you all there!

Dublin Weekend Trip » *Dublin* » 28th January – 29th January 2012 (2 individual events)

Next Weekend we are going to DUBLIN

and would like to invite you to come along!

The whole trip will only cost 25 euro, tickets are not on sale yet but we will let you know as soon as they are... there will be only 60 places on this trip so don't miss your chance!

Monday Party » *Fibber Magees, Eyre Square - then Carbon nightclub* » 30th January 2012

Tomorrow, come to Fibbers from 8.30 where we will have

Free food, promotions and Alvaro Ramirez as dj

Monday Party » *Fibber Magees, Eyre Square -then Carbon* » 6th February 2012

Monday Party! :)

Fibbers at 8.30pm for free food, promotions and great music from Alvaro Ramirez!

Then to Octopussy at Carbon where -with your ISS stamp- you will get half-price entry, a free refreshment, a bouncy castle, beer pong, and an elvis wedding chapel!

ISS 80's Party! » *Fibbers&Carbon* » 13th February 2012

Our Monday party this week will have a theme -'Bringing back the 80's'.

Pyjama Party » *Fibber Magees + Carbon* » 20th February 2012

It would be totally crazy if everyone was to wear their PJs instead of their normal clothes. So for this to work, we need everyone to wear their best pajamas, slippers and dressing gowns.

Prizes for people with the best Pajamas.

Cork Trip » *Quadrangle Building* » 25th February – 26th February 2012 (2 individual events)

Next weekend, we would like to invite you to come with us to Cork! It is the second largest city in the republic, and Corkonians even like to say it is the real capital of Ireland! Starting bright and early Saturday morning at the Quad at 8.15am

If you want to see some more of Ireland's varied culture, meet some new friends and have a great weekend, do come along.

Tickets are only 28euro (at the SocsBox) and include all transport, accomodation, and a visit to Blarney castle.

International Bring a Plate Date » *hub* » 1st March 2012

We are hosting a 'bring a plate date' this THURSDAY in the Hub, Aras Na Mac Leinn.

Basically what you need to do is bring a dish of food to share..the more traditional from your home country the better.(Savoury+Sweet)

Monday Party! » *Fibber Magees, Eyre Square then Carbon* » 5th March 2012

So this Monday, come to Fibbers from 8.30 Then on to Octopussy in Carbon. Lots of fun to be had!

"S" Party » *Fibbers+Carbon* » 19th March 2012: Wear something beginning with the letter 'S'

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Cillian McMahon

Secretary: Fiona O'Donovan

Public Relations Officer: Ruth Howard

D.J: Alvaro Ramirez Perez

Vice-Auditor: John Birrane

Treasurer: Kevin McInerney

OCM: Hannah Higgins Pardo

D.J: David Baillon

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	574.42	Affill/Mem fees	€72.00
Balls	€30.00	Ball	€400.00
Bank Charge	€7.09	Bank charge	€55.30
Fundraising	€230.00	Hire Bus	€1,689.00
Greenform	€585.00	Materials	€290.00
SocsBox Till	€4,881.00	Society accommodation	€1,509.00
USC Grant	€2,000.00	Society transport	€2,050.00
		Socs day expenses	€1,096.00
		Sound	€500.00
		Expenditure Total	€7,661.30
		Closing Bank Balance	€646.21
Total	€8,307.51	Total	€8,307.51

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 803 members.

ALIVE

# Hours Volunteered:	26 hours	
<u>Fiona O'Donovan</u>	Secretary	200 hours
<u>Cillian McMahon</u>	Auditor	325 hours
<u>John Birrane</u>	Vice-auditor	320 hours
<u>Hannah Higgins Pardo</u>	Volunteer and Co-Organiser	300 hours
<u>Kevin McInerney</u>	Treasurer	330 hours
# ALIVE Students:	6 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	1805 hours	

Italian Soc

The Italian Society 2011-12 has developed considerably. Its membership has increased, as has its activity. The society has organised a number of events providing students with not only the opportunity to meet new people but to become involved and interact with the Italian culture. Events that took place in Galway and Dublin benefited both Irish and Italian students as they did not only present themselves as entertaining but educational too. The interaction between Italians and Irish was an objective set by the society which was accomplished without difficulty. Not only has the society established a stronger bond between the Irish and Italian community but it has also maintained its mutual relationship with the Italian Department of NUI Galway. The Carnivale Masquerade Ball organised in February involved both students and staff, together they worked to both support the causes of the Galway Parkinson's Association and to celebrate a monumental event in the Italian calendar. The final trip to

Florence can only be described as a remarkable step forward for the society, hopefully propelling it into a prosperous future where it can regain the status it once held. Students, staff, members of the Galway community and abroad cannot deny that the Italian Society of NUI Galway has made an impact this year, and that it will continue to for the years ahead.

Italian Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 29 events.

Italian Soc and Food Soc Pizza Party! » Meeting room 1 and 2 (upstairs in Aras Na MacLeinn) » 18th October 2011

Italian Soc and Food Soc are coming together for a HUGE pizza party! Free pizza for all Italian Soc and Food Soc members!

Italian Meeting » The Hub » 28th September 2011

Festa!!! First Italian party! » The College Bar » 6th October 2011

Ciao Tutti! This will be our first Italian party of many. FREE food, a FREE drink for all and generally an amazing night to come! Hope to see you all there and don't forget your SU cards! P.S. Have a look at our Facebook page for more events to come;-)

The Godfather part 1 » IT125 » 2nd November 2011 The brilliant Godfather!

Dublin trip tickets on sale » SocsBox » 7th November – 11th November 2011 (5 individual events)

Tickets for our Dublin trip on sale in the SocsBox for 42 euro. Includes 2 nights accommodation, transport to and from Dublin, some trips and a two course Italian dinner one night .

Dublin ticket sales continue! » SocsBox » 11th November – 15th November 2011 (5 individual events)

Our tickets to the Dublin Trip will be on sale until Tuesday! A great weekend for 42 euro it will include a bus to and from Dublin, accommodation for one night, a trip to the National Art Gallery and Guinness brewery along with a two course Italian dinner! Normally almost 80 euros it's a great deal!;

Italian Soc Dublin Trip! » Dublin » 18th November – 20th November 2011 (3 individual events)

2 nights in Dublin full of Italian themed events and Irish themed events for Erasmus students! The ticket will be about 42 euro (very reasonable for everything included :)) and will be on sale in the SocsBox Tuesday 8th- Friday 11th.

Italian Society Pizza Party! » College Bar » 19th January 2012

Italian Society are having a pizza party with a free drink for everyone and pizza! What more can you want!

Italian Society Masquerade Ball - in Smokies » Smokies » 25th January – 26th January 2012 (2 individual events)

We will be selling tickets in Smokies mid day and raffling off two tickets for the Masquerade Ball on the 1st of February in the Salthill hotel. Tickets are ?50 euro each and ?20 for the afters so well worth buying a raffle ticket for ?2 or 3 for ?5! All profits go to our chosen charity Galway Parkinson's Association. Stop by and be in with a chance to win a great night out!

Last chance to buy your tickets to the Masquerade Ball! » SocsBox » 30th January 2012

Today is the last day of ticket sales for the Masquerade Ball. Don't forget to drop by and pick one up! Full tickets 50 euro, afters tickets 20 euro. The ball is on this Wednesday, February 1st in the Salthill Hotel and is in aid of Galway Parkinsons Association. It promises to be a night of music and fun, celebrating mystery, masks and Italian culture. Don't miss your chance to come along!

Italian Society Masquerade Ball » Salthill Hotel » 1st February – 2nd February 2012 (2 individual events)

The annual Masquerade Ball in aid of Galway Parkinson's Association in the Salthill Hotel. 50euro for full ticket and 20euro for afters. DJ Darragh from iradio, surprise performance, venetian masks for everyone, sponsored prizes and all profits go to charity!

Gomorra, in collaborate with Film Soc. » Aras Ui Chathail » 23rd February 2012

Based on the non-fiction novel by Roberto Saviano, Gomorra is a contemporary Neapolitan mob drama that exposes Italy's criminal underbelly. It shows five individuals who think they can make their own pact with the Camorra, the area's Mafia.

Trip to Florence » Italy! » 10th March – 13th March 2012 (4 individual events)

Italian Soc are going away to Florence for a long weekend! It will be around ?100 for three nights in Florence and Pisa, flights and transport in Italy. Should be AMAZING like Dublin!;

» » 1st January 1970

Italian Language Classes. » IT250 » 22nd March 2012

Beginners classes in Italian. Let us know by email if you are interested!

Committee 2011/2012

Travel Organizer: Kamila Polchowska

Vice-Auditor: Isabella De Luca

OCM: Niamh O'Brien

Secretary: Jonathan Murphy

Auditor: Siomha McGarry

PRO: Peter Gavin

Treasurer: Sharon Meehan

OCM: James Skelly

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	2,847.27	Ball	€1,665.60
Fundraising	€922.32	Bank charge	€77.68
SocsBox Till	€4,544.00	Costumes	€75.00
USC Grant	€2770.52	Dinner	€414.89
		Entertainment	€366.60
		Fundraising/charity	€332.50
		Hire Bus	€204.00
		Materials	€14.95
		Printing	€63.50
		Society accommodation	€1,445.00
		Society transport	€3,734.92
		SocsBox Till Refund	€160.00
		Teacher fees	€120.00
		Expenditure Total	€8,674.64
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,409.47
Total	€11084.11	Total	€11084.11

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 203 members.

ALIVE

<u>Siomha McGarry</u>	Auditor	324 hours
<u>Isabella De Luca</u>	Vice-Auditor	201 hours
<u>Sharon Meehan</u>	Treasurer	70 hours
<u>Peter Gavin</u>	Public relations officer	234 hours
<u>Jonathan Murphy</u>	Secretary	185 hours
# ALIVE Students:	5 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	1014 hours	

Juggling Soc

Our society this year has been one of fun and adventures. Our twice weekly Juggling Sessions that got the whole society together and also included workshops, games and performances from jugglers near and far. These helped us get a our members interested and learning. It also provided and fun and great atmosphere to hang out and make new friends. Along with this free gala shows and trips away were also had and enjoyed by everyone attending and participating.

Juggling Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 52 events.

Juggling Workshop » *the Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 22nd September 2011

Juggling for all levels, hope to see you there

Labyrinth Screening » *The Space* » 13th October 2011

Juggling soc are screening Labyrinth a classic film displaying the amazing contact juggling skills of Micheal Moschen. 15-year-old Sarah accidentally wishes her baby half-brother, Toby, away to the Goblin King Jareth who will keep Toby if Sarah does not complete his Labyrinth in 13 hours.

Diabolo Workshop » foyer Aras na mac Leinn » 27th September 2011

A workshop for all levels with all equipment provided (but bring your own if you have it)

Practice Session » the Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn » 29th September 2011

An open session for anyone to come along and use all our equipment and learn some tricks or just hang out with some cool people.

Juggling session » the cube » 6th October 2011

Come along and do anything from juggling balls, rings, clubs etc to hula hooping, poi, devilstick, diabolo and much much more. Beginners always welcome just ask any of us and we'll be glad to help with anything. See you there!!

Meditative Hula-hoop workshop » foyer ?ras na mac Léinn » 11th October 2011

Come by and learn how to relax after a hard day with some hula-hooping. Suitable for all levels and absolute beginners

Meditative Hula-hoop workshop » the Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn » 13th October 2011

Come by and learn how to relax after a hard day with some hula-hooping. Suitable for all levels and absolute beginners

Weekly Meeting » Aras na Mac Leinn » 20th September – 6th December 2011 (12 individual events)

Our weekly get together to practice juggling.

Super Awesome Bake Sale » foyer Aras na mac Léinn » 20th October 2011

Come on down and get some tasty treats from our Super Awesome Bake Sale

Super Awesome Table Quiz » college bar » 20th October 2011

Hey Guys, put your thinking hat on and get down to the college bar for Juggling socs table quiz. There will be plenty of spot prizes and free finger fod for each table. Entry 5E per person

Weekly Juggling Practice » the Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn » 27th October 2011

Come along and take part in one our circus workshops, or just practice your skill. All are welcome, not just those who know how to juggle already.

Juggling Games » the Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn » 10th November 2011

A night of juggling games of all levels open to anyone who wants to take part!

SUPER AWESOME AMAZING JUGGLING SHOW » Bailey Allen Hall » 17th November 2011

Olivier Caignart will be doing a performance for us but he'll also be giving a talk on the History of juggling. As well as Olivier we'll have a few local jugglers put on a show for us so it should be a night of great performances.IT'S ALL FREE!

Juggling EGM » the Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn » 24th November 2011

Come one and all! Our committee (as awesome as it is) wants to expand. There are new positions to be filled and anyone that is remotely interested should come along and we'll find a place for you. We will also be disguising upcoming events such as the Trip Away next semester, and anything else we might like to do and organise.

Juggling session » aras na mac leinn » 10th January 2012 – March 27th (12 events)

Juggling session » aras na mac leinn » 12th January 2012 – March 29th (12 evens)

Tralee Cirus Convention » No suggestions found » 18th November – 20th November 2011 (3 individual events)

This is our annual trip to one of the greatest conventions in Ireland. Highly recommended you come along. Come along to sessions for details on the trip.

Committee 2011/2012

Session Manager: Lee Monaghan

Vice-Auditor: Gary Feehan

Secretary: Sarah Curley

P.R.O.: Adel Harvey

Fire Session Manager: Lindsay Hollingsworth

OCM: Pierre Nerisson

Auditor: Paul Hanrahan

Treasurer: Charlotte Pym

OCM: Chloe Schmid

OCM: Eoin Molloy

OCM: Natalie Tesch

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	3,368.93	Bank charge	€60.11
Bank Charge	€5.52	Dinner	€19.28
Fundraising	€154.33	Entertainment	€450.00
Members Contributions	€1,145.50	Entry fees	€900.00
Muscailt	€200.00	Equipment misc	€325.00
SocsBox Till	€806.00	Hoodies	€183.00
Ticket Sales	€430.00	Materials	€786.47
USC Grant	€4,500.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€60.00
		Prizes	€100.00
		Reimbursed income/sales by society	€1,000.00
		Security	€1,224.00
		Society accommodation	€2,119.50
		SocsBox Till Refund	€240.00
		Speaker travel	€1,711.39
		Teacher fees	€280.00
		Expenditure Total	€9,458.75
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,151.53
Total	€10,610.28	Total	€10,610.28

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 336 members.

ALIVE

<u>Paul Hanrahan</u>	Auditor	200 hours
<u>Gary Feehan</u>	Vice-Auditor	113 hours
<u>Patricia McFadden</u>	Session Manager	30 hours
<u>Natalie Tesch</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	60 hours
<u>Lee Monaghan</u>	Session Manager	99 hours
# ALIVE Students:	5 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	502 hours	

Labour Youth

Labour Youth was involved in the Presidential election, canvassing and supporting Michael D Higgins in his successful election bid. Labour Youth was also involved with various national activities such as attending Labour Youth's annual conference as well as the Labour Party's national conference in Galway. In addition, Labour Youth got one of the committee elected to Labour Youth's National Executive.

Labour Youth Events

This year the society held a total of 45 events.

Weekly Meeting » *The Hub, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 8th September – 24th May 2012 (38 individual events)

Weekly meeting of the branch.

Welcome Michael D Higgins to NUIG » *Quadrangle, NUIG » 25th October 2011*

Welcome Michael D on his presidential campaign bus as he returns to Galway and his Alma mater.

National Conference » *UCC, Cork. » 4th November – 6th November 2011 (3 individual events)*

Our annual national conference was held in UCC this year. This allowed members of Labour Youth around the country to come together and set policy for LY, to be brought forward to the national Labour Party conference.

Labour Party National Conference » *aras na mac leinn » 13th April – 15th April 2012 (3 individual events)*

Annual national party conference held in NUIG this year.

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Eanna MacDonnchadha

Treasurer: Sean McHugh

Financial Secretary: Elaine Whelan

Policy Officer: Dara Turnbull

Secretary: Cian Moran

Vice-Auditor: Mark Glynn

OCM: Tadgh Malone

LGBT Officer: Aishling Clancy

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	117.89	Bank charge	€15.01
Members Contributions	€240.00	Dinner	€200.00
USC Grant	€500.00	Society accommodation	€300.00
		Society transport	€229.00
		Expenditure Total	€744.01
		Closing Bank Balance	€113.88
Total	€857.89	Total	€857.89

Other Information

We held 25 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 102 members.

ALIVE

<u>Mohit Agrawal</u>	Volunteer	25 hours
<u>Cian Moran</u>	Secretary	100 hours
<u>Eanna MacDonnchadha</u>	Auditor	100 hours
<u>Hannah Fennelly</u>	Active member	35 hours
<u>Sean McHugh</u>	Treasurer	25 hours
# ALIVE Students:	5 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	285 hours	

Law Soc

The Law Society aims to promote Legal and Political issues through discussions, debate and guest speakers. We also wish to provide social events to all our members. we will provide opportunities for our members to partake in mooting competitions and also have information sessions with some of the largest Legal firms in Ireland.

Law Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 41 events.

Euro Debates 7th – 12th August 2011 throughout NUI G Campus and various venues in the City. (18 events)

Organised in conjunction with the Literary and Debating Society.

Over 600 debaters, from over 140 institutes right across Europe and further afield including Qatar, Russia and Israel, will descend on Galway for the European Universities Debating Championships hosted by NUI Galway. This is the first time this week-long championship will place in Galway and will run from 7 to 12 August. The NUI Galway Law Society and the Literary and Debating Society are hosting the championships, which will cover debate topics such as economic policy, international relations and philosophy. The exact motions of the debates will not be released to the delegates until 15 minutes before each heat starts. Each team will debate in English but will be split into two categories, those who have English as a first language and those who speak it as a second language; there will be two finals under these categories. Nollaig Ó Scannlain, Chief Organiser, Law Society Auditor with 70 volunteers most from NUI Galway. Accommodation on a boat was in Corrib Village and breakfast lunch and dinner was provided mostly in An Bialann.

There were 9 rounds of debates, the quarter finals, semi finals and finals.

Socials | events as advertised to the attendees.

Sunday 7th August - Opening Ceremony, BBQ and Welcome Night - All around campus

You've travelled for days, hours, minutes to Galway. You're surrounded by old friends, new strangers and all of your competition. So, throw down your bag, pick up a burger, and have a dance. Music on the night will be provided by the excellent Black Magic Big Band, a Galway institution for more years than many wish to remember. 20.00 - 24.00 - Dress: Casual

Monday 8th August - Spraoi - Áras na Mac Léinn

Spraoi (spree) is the Irish word for play. And play is what you are going to do. Tough day at the office? Partner letting you down? Well, we'll have giant inflatables to take out your frustration. Fancy yourself as a Mariah, Christina, Justin or Bono? Our karaoke will sort the good from the bad! Don't worry though, if you just want to sit and chat we'll have that available too, as well as one or two surprises. 20.00 - 24.00 - Dress: Casual

Tuesday 9th August - Sunset Over Galway Bay - Salthill Promenade/Galway Bay Hotel

One of the most important things to see while in Galway is the Atlantic. And the best place to do it is on the Salthill Prom. So, we're going to bring you there. We'll have bluegrass music, dancing, drinks and no trip to the seaside is complete without fish and chips. Or just chips. If you're good we might even buy you an ice-cream. 19.30 - 24.00 - Dress: Casual (Bucket and spade optional)

Wednesday 10th August - Irish Break Night - Bailey Allen Hall

The now almost traditional Irish Night at an international competition now has a new twist, it's back in Ireland. And no one does Irish music like we do in Galway. So we're going to bring you on a little tour. No Irish night out starts without a good meal, and over dinner we'll have a harpist, to accompany your first nervous pre-break/post-dinner drinks. Then we're going to kick it up a notch, and bring on the best traditional group aran sweaters and pints of Guinness can buy. Then, how about a live covers band, playing hits from Thin Lizzy, Van Morrison, U2 and Galway favourites The Saw Doctors, amongst many others? Oh, and at some stage we'll announce the break. 19.30 - 03.00 - Bailey Allen Hall (Dinner 19.30 - 21.00) - Dress: Casual

Thursday 11th August - Tribes - Halo Nightclub

Galway is called the city of the Tribes after the fourteen merchant families who ruled it from the 13th to 19th centuries. And given we've been all over the city so far, we thought we'd go right into the centre. Tucked away on Galway's medieval streets are a warren of clubs and pubs, and one of the best is Halo. So, we're bringing you there. Expect dancing to the best music, in the most comfortable surroundings. 21.00 - 02.00 - Halo Nightclub - Dress to impress

Friday 12th August - Championship Ball - Raddisson Ballroom

This. Is. The. Big. One. So, let's see. We'll start with a slap up meal in a one of Galway's finest hotels. Then, in time honoured Irish tradition, the tables will be cleared away, and a dance floor will emerge. We'll announce the results of the ESL and Open Finals, the Top speakers on tab, and do the handover to next years tournament, and then the fun really starts.

To kick off, Keywest who'll be just back from a tour of the European music festival circuit. Expect pop, punk, rock and more energy than you can shake a stick at. When they finally stop playing, we're bringing out a Galway institution. DJ Byrno has played with more A-Listers than we can name, counts Kissy Sell Out and Calvin Harris as mates, and NEVER fails to make sure the whole crowd has a ball. This is a last night in Galway you are never going to forget.

19.00 - 03.00 - Raddisson Hotel Ballroom - Black Tie/Traditional Dress

A&L Goodbody Law Firm Presentation » IT125G (Ground Floor IT Building) » 27th September 2011

A&L Goodbody will be on campus at this Tuesday at 6pm in IT125G (Ground floor of the IT Building). Current partners and trainees from the firm will be on hand to give advice about the application process and provide information about their services and departments.

Law Soc General Meeting » Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn. » 26th September 2011

Get Involved! Want to help out with postering, fliering and at events? Come to our meeting all welcome.

Maiden Speakers » Cairnes Theatre » 28th September 2011

Maiden Speakers On Wednesday, 28th September at 8pm in the Cairnes Theatre we bring you the most anticipated Law Soc event for first time public speakers and debaters. The Motions are: This house believes that women make better politicians than men This house believes that Kenny Dalglish was hired to retain supporters and will not win any cups. This house believes that Bertie was a patriot and deserves a Nobel Prize. This house believes that aliens exist. This house believes that the Xbox is better than Playstation. This house believes that Rhianna/Bradd Pitt is hotter than Mila Kunis/Gary Barlow . This house believes that Ireland should leave the European Union. This house believes that women are not more emotional than men. This house believes that women are better drivers and deserve cheaper insurance.

Judicial Pay Referendum: Debate » *cairnes theatre* » 5th October 2011

Law Soc invites you to a debate on the current topic of a Judicial Pay Referendum. Speakers will include Estelle Feldman and NUIG's very own Tom O'Malley. In the current climate this issue is far reaching in scope effecting every member of society.

The Issues That Face Asylum Seekers & Their Children's Rights » *Cairne's Theatre and College Bar* » 12th October

This Wednesday the Law soc will be discussing 'the issues that face asylum seekers and their children's rights'. The event will take place in the Cairnes theatre at 8pm. There will also be an after party in the College Bar on the night. We will be joined by Samantha Arnold who is involved in children's refugee rights, Triona who is an expert in the field of refugee law and Peter FitzMaurice who has worked in the area of asylum seekers in Ireland, UK and internationally.

Suit Up Day » *Lecturers, Col Bar and Central Park* » 13th October 2011

Lock up your wives/ husbands, lock up your daughters/sons.... It's NUIG's International Suit Up Day!!! It's that time of year again to dig out your best suit/dress and bring them to college this week. Go to class, go to work, go to the bar and wear your suit proud. The event takes place this Thursday the 13th. Simply follow the link and click attending. Bought to you by Biz Soc, Law Soc and Music & Ents Soc

Human Rights in China » *cairnes theatre and College bar* » 19th October 2011

We would like to invite you to a discussion on human rights in China where we ask whether the current situation is in the name of social justice or a simple matter of communism gone wrong? The event takes place on Wednesday the 19th at 8pm in the Cairnes Theatre where we will be joined by Dr. Annabel Egan and Dr. Shane Darcy, both from the Irish Center of Human Rights here in NUI Galway.

Chinese President Hu Jintao calls for a wider definition of human rights to include economic and social as well as political rights, all in relation to national culture and the level of development of the country and in this regard contends that his country has 'made enormous progress'.

Alternative Careers in Law » *IT 125* » 26th October 2011

Considering your options after graduation? Why not come to IT 125 on Wednesday to discover where your law degree can take you. From human rights activists to Prison Officers there is something for everyone.

Panel discussion on the legal services regulation bill 2010 » *cairnes theatre and College bar* » 7th November 2011

Law ball tickets for sale » *aras na mac leinn (the foyer)* » 17th January 2012 (2 individual events)

Law Ball tickets on sale. The Law ball is taking place in the Meryck Hotel on Feb 1st, featuring music from Bipolar Empire and Today FM DJ KC. Full tickets 55euro afters tickets 25euro.

Human Trafficking event » *cairnes theatre* » 18th January 2012

Law Ball Ticket Sales » *aras na mac leinn* » 24th January 2012

We will be selling the remaining Full and Afters tickets on Tuesday between 2 and 4. See you at the Ball!!! :)

Free Movie and Pizza Night » *cairnes theatre* » 25th January 2012

Reeling after all the back to college parties? No money for dinner?? Want to get to know the Law Soc???... Come along to our Free Movie and Pizza Night!!!!!!! :) We'll sort out dinner, all you have to do is choose the movie. Whether it's Legally Blonde, Law abiding Citizen, The Lincoln Lawyer or Erin Brockovich... You Decide!!!!!!

Law Ball » *Meyrick Hotel* » 1st February 2012

The Law Ball in the Meyrick Hotel with Music from Bipolar Empire and Today FM DJ KC. Full tickets 55euro includes sumptuous sit down dinner afters 25euro. Tickets now on sale in the SocsBox.

Climate Change Debate » *Cairnes Theatre* » 8th February 2012

Debate on Climate Change with Lord Monkton and Professor O'Dowd.

National Law Debates » *Aras na Mac Leinn* » 10th February – 11th February 2012 (2 individual events) Lit & Deb and Law Soc present the National Law Debates, a weekend of debating registration in Aras na mac leinn from 3pm

Free Movie and Pizza Night: Part 2 » *TBC* » 15th February 2012

Let's do this again!!!!... Same craic as last time; Vote for your favourite movie and we'll fill ya up with pizza :)

The winner will be announced this Wednesday at 8. Location to be confirmed. Let the voting commence.....

The Oil Man » *cairnes theatre* » 23rd February 2012

Super Entrepreneurs » *cairnes theatre* » 7th March 2012

AGM Information Session, come along and get involved! » *The Hub* » 22nd March 2012

Come down for ten minutes and chat with the outgoing committee over some refreshments. See if you would like to get involved next year.

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Tara Gibbons

Treasurer: Kelly McCole

Members Liason Officer: Conor Nolan

Moot Court Convenor: Jennifer Dalton

Speakers Convenor: Aisling McDevitt

Marshall of the House: Thomas Daniels

Public Relations Officer: Maeve Griffin

Vice-Auditor: Conor Harris

Secretary: Timothy Feeney

Social Secretary: Edel Prendergast

Euros Debate Organiser: Nollaig O'Scannlain

Debates Convenor: Eileen Coughlan

Education Officer: Cathal O'Hagan

Deputy Public Relations Officer: Darragh Reynolds

Committee 2012/2013

Vice-Auditor: Darragh Reynolds

Auditor: Cathal O'Hagan

Speakers Convenor: Aisling McDevitt

Marshall of the House: Evan O'Donnell

Social Secretary : Eoin Tracey

Secretary: Edel Prendergast

Treasurer: Conor Nolan

Education Officer: Micheal O'Cualain

Moot Court Convenor: Sean Aherne

Members Liason officer: Caroline Meghan

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	19,124.18	Affill/Mem fees	€100.00
Balls	€60.00	Ball	€199.98
Fundraising	€1,067.00	Bank charge	€25.00
SocsBox Till	€40.00	Dinner	€1,705.40
Sponsorship	€23,000.00	Entertainment	€192.59
USC Grant	€10,929.16	Equipment misc	€1,015.00
		Euros	€32,835.00
		Fundraising/charity	€2,200.00
		Gifts	€74.00
		Hoodies	€384.06
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€31.50
		Phone	€274.57
		Printing	€670.00
		Reception	€884.05
		Society accommodation	€175.00
		Society transport	€50.00
		Socs day expenses	€116.24
		Speaker accommodation	€570.00
		Speaker travel	€88.35
		Expenditure Total	€41,590.74
		Closing Bank Balance	€12,629.60
Total	€54,220.34	Total	€54,220.34

Law Ball Balance Sheet - 2011/2012

	Income		Expenditure
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,955.01	Ball	€9,101.73
Balls	€7,344.96	Bank charge	€82.32
SocsBox Till	€1,315.00	Expenditure Total	€9,184.05
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,430.92
Total	€10,614.97	Total	€10,614.97

EUDC Euros Balance Sheet - 2010/2012

	Income		Expenditure
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0.00	Ball	€496.00
Fundraising	€134,499.1	Bank charge	€129.86
Sponsorship (including €25,000 from the University)	€41,739.91	Dinner	€64,741.00
		Entertainment	€37,252.5
		Equipment misc	€2,002.20
		Gifts	€442.00
		Hire Bus	€3,500.00
		Hoodies	€775.24
		Lights	€2,420.00
		Materials	€70.00
		Passed on to next years convenors	€3,360.00
		Reception	€4,275.00
		Security	€2,231.00
		Society accommodation	€42,122.00
		Society transport	€743.09
		Sound	€750.00
		Speaker accommodation	€8,500.00
		Speaker travel	€169.00
		Stationary	€2,060.04
		Video Hire	€200.00
		Expenditure Total	€177,325.39
		Closing Bank Balance	€0.00
Total	€176,239.96	Total	€176,239.96

Other Information

We held 14 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 1092 members.

ALIVE

<u>Cathal O'Hagan</u>	Education Officer	201 hours
<u>Tara Gibbons</u>	Auditor	1600 hours
<u>Maeve Griffin</u>	Public Relations Officer	880 hours
<u>Jennifer Dalton</u>	Moot Court Convenor	200 hours
<u>Thomas Daniels</u>	Marshall of the House	100 hours
<u>Eileen Coughlan</u>	Debates Convenor	250 hours
<u>Aisling McDevitt</u>	Speakers Convener	1020 hours
<u>Conor Harris</u>	Vice-Auditor	50 hours

<u>Conor Nolan</u>	Members Liaison Officer	250 hours
<u>Timothy Feeney</u>	Secretary	200 hours
<u>Darragh Reynolds</u>	deputy PRO	70 hours
# ALIVE Students:	11 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	4821 hours	

Life Society

The 2011/2012 year was a very successful session for the NUIG Life Society.

Throughout the year, information sessions, speakers, films and charity events were organised by the Society that informed and educated the members of the society and the student population at large.

Life Society held its AGM at the start of the academic year. Following Societies Day the AGM was held and positions were filled. As well as electing the standard committee the society introduced two new positions. A "First Year Representative" was introduced as a means of encouraging new member to become involved in the work of the society. An "Inter-college Officer" was also elected to maintain communication with other university pro-life groups. These new positions were specific to this year and were not introduced into the constitution. Thus, their continuance will be at the discretion of the 2012/13 committee.

Life Society hosted tables at the Societies' Days in both semesters - 12 Sept + 10 Jan. We found that our approach was well received. People responded positively to the use of positive images and a friendly atmosphere. We had over 80 members this year which is really encouraging.

This year the society became involved in a public awareness campaign to highlight sex-selective abortions and the detrimental effect they have on society. Gendercide, as this practice is generally known, involves the killing of baby girls before and after birth simply on account of the lower social status of female children. It is a particular problem in China and India but occurs also in parts of Europe. On December 8th the Life Society arranged an information stall in "ras na Mac Leinn". The Society showed the short film 37seconds, provided general information about gendercide in developing countries and in particular gendercide and forced abortion in China. A petition addressed to the President of the People's Republic of China, the Prime Minister of India and the Secretary General of the United Nations was signed by students. On March 8th Life Society hosted a second event, this time on the concourse. An information table was set up with the same petition and also a petition to free Chen Guangcheng a blind pro-life activist imprisoned in China. Life Society invited Reggie Littlejohn of the international Womens Rights Without Frontiers to speak to NUIG about issues surrounding gendercide and Chinas one child policy. Reggie was due to speak on November 3rd but, due to unforeseen events, had to cancel.

Following the cancellation of the Reggie Littlejohn talk Life Society was delighted to host Ryan Bomberger and his wife Bethany of the Radiance Foundation. The Radiance Foundation is a non-profit organisation dedicated to highlighting pressing social issues, especially abortion and adoption, with powerful live multi-media presentations. Bombergers talk focused on the disproportionate incidence of abortion within the black community in the US and institutional racism within the abortion industry.

Life Society again addressed this important issue in March 2012 when it screened: Maafa 21-Black Gendercide in the 21st century, a film which examines the eugenic and racist foundation of the abortion industry in America.

Life Society had a stand on the development of the unborn child at the Health Fair in the Bailey Allen Hall on February 14th. The stand had books and fetal models showing the baby's development during his/her 40 week stay in the womb. We also showed the video "Life is Beautiful".

On February 20th, we held a debating workshop for pro-life students, which was very popular. The workshop will be facilitated by James Hope, an alumnus of Life Society and former President of the NUIG Students' Union.

The society screened the documentary "British Woman on Death Row" on February 27th. This documentary explored the use of capital punishment in the justice system, and contained moving contributions from Linda Carty, on death row, and her family.

This year the Life Society also hosted several charity events to support life-affirming charities based both in Ireland and abroad. In September the Society participated in Daisy Days, the annual connection for AWARE, who provide support for people suffering from depression. In December the society was collected for Irish charity ALONE, who assist the elderly, to raise much needed funds for their work. In March the society was due to collect for Dig Deep, a part of the international Whole Life Community, who provide water in third world countries. Unfortunately, due to a mistake made by the Buildings Office, the collection never took place. Nevertheless, the society put up information posters to raise the profile of this organisation. The final charity event took place in April when the society took part in the national collection day for Special Olympics. It is hoped that the Life Society will continue to support the work of these charities who promote value and respect for human life.

An opportunity to meet other pro-life students was made available through the intervarsity which was held by NUI Maynooth's Life Society on March 30th and 31st. This was a weekend-long event with pro-life speakers and workshops.

The AGM was held on May 9th, when the committee for the 2012/2013 academic year was elected. The members are:

Evelyn Fennelly, Auditor; Sean Kearns, Vice-Auditor; Maire Ni Mhaolain, Secretary and Shane Armstrong, Treasurer.
Thank you to everyone who made this a great year!

Life Society Events

This year the society held a total of 13 events.

Life Society at Societies' Day » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 10th January 2012

Life Society will have a table at Societies' Day in the Bailey Allen Hall.

Life Society AGM » *meeting room 1 (upstairs in Aras Na MacLeinn)* » 27th September 2011

Anyone who'd like to get involved in Life Society in some role this year should come along on Tuesday to Meeting Room 1.

Ryan Bomberger of The Radiance Foundation » *meeting room 1 (upstairs in Aras Na MacLeinn)* » 3rd November 2011

Come to Meeting Room 1, upstairs in Aras na Mac Leinn, NUIG on Thursday at 7:30pm and hear what The Radiance Foundation are doing to curb the abortion rate in black communities and ensure that black children do not become an endangered species.

Informal meeting and refreshments » *Meeting Rooms, upstairs in Aras na Mac Leinn* » 17th January 2012

On Tuesday, 17th of January, Life Society are hosting an informal meeting with refreshments in the Meeting Rooms, upstairs in Aras na Mac Leinn.

Health fair stand » *bailey allen hall* » 14th February 2012

Life Society will have a stand on the development of the unborn child at the Health Fair in the Bailey Allen Hall from 11am to 5pm.

Debating workshop for pro-life students » *Meeting Rooms 1 + 2 (upstairs in Aras na Mac Leinn)* » 20th February 2012

This Monday we're holding a debating workshop for pro-life students at 7pm in Meeting Rooms 1 + 2 (upstairs in Aras na Mac Leinn).

The workshop will be facilitated by James Hope, an alumnus of Life Society and former President of the NUIG Students' Union. The session will consist of a presentation by James followed by drill work.

There is no need to book a space, just come along to the Meeting Rooms on Monday at 7pm.

"British Woman on Death Row" documentary screening » *IT 125* » 27th February 2012

Screening of the documentary "British Woman on Death Row".

With contributions from family, friends, lawyers and Linda herself, this is an intimate and emotional portrait of a woman facing death and an exploration of why society believes she should die.

Life Society at Societies' Day » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 15th September 2011

Life Society will have a table at Societies' Day in the Bailey Allen Hall.

"Maafa 21: Black Genocide in 21st Century America" documentary screening » *Cairnes Lecture Theatre (AC002)* » 13th March 2012

A very carefully reasoned, well-produced documentary on the abortion industry, class warfare, institutional racism and eugenics.

DigDeep for the human right to water! » *Smokey's cafe, Concourse* » 21st March 2012

This Wednesday, to mark World Water Day, we will be at Smokey's on Concourse with an information table and collecting money for Dig Deep. DigDeep is a human rights advocacy and development initiative committed to promoting and protecting the right to water with a Whole Life ethic. They run education projects, fundraise and work in Sudan, digging wells, improving sanitation and advancing hygiene.

Special Olympics collection day! » *Smokey's on concourse* » 27th April 2012

Life Society will be taking part in the Special Olympics National Collection day again this year, will volunteers stationed at Smokey's cafe on main concourse from 10am to 4pm on Friday, 27th of April.

Life Society AGM » *Meeting Room 2, upstairs in Aras na Mac Leinn* » 9th May 2012

Life Society's AGM, to elect officers for the coming academic year 2012/2013.

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Evelyn Fennelly

Vice-Auditor: Shane Armstrong

Treasurer: Katherine O'Driscoll

Secretary: Sharon Kearney

PRO: Esther Burke

Inter-College Liaison Officer: Maria Mahoney

OCM: Elisabetta Cracco

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Evelyn Fennelly

Vice-Auditor: Sean Kearns

Treasurer: Shane Armstrong

Secretary: Maire Ni Mhaolain

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	641.16	Bank charge	€19.78
Members Contributions	€550.00	Dinner	€60.00
USC Grant	€1,450.00	Entry fees	€113.56
		Hire Bus	€550.00
		Materials	€250.84
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€149.97
		Printing	€120.00
		Reception	€60.00
		Society transport	€210.40
		Socs day expenses	€50.00
		Speaker travel	€477.00
		Teacher fees	€75.00
		Expenditure Total	€2,136.55
		Closing Bank Balance	€504.61
Total	€2,641.16	Total	€2,641.16

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 86 members.

ALIVE

<u>Esther Burke</u>	Committee Member PRO	20 hours
<u>Evelyn Fennelly</u>	Auditor	250 hours
<u>Katherine O'Driscoll</u>	Volunteer, Fundraiser	100 hours
# ALIVE Students:	3 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	370 hours	

Lit & Deb

The 165th Session started with a bang as the Lit n Deb co-hosted the largest student society event ever held in NUI Galway. Hundreds of debaters from around Europe descended on Galway for a week of debating and craic. The participants came from far and wide; from Aberdeen to as far away as Abu Dhabi. The competition was a tremendous success.

Our first event was Gibs night where first year students competed for the title of best new speaker. We attracted a huge number of new members who kept coming back, giving us a great start to our year. The future President, Michael D. Higgins, then addressed the society before we had a panel discussion on transgenderism. This new issue went down a treat as it had never before been discussed on campus. Next, we had my personal highlight of the year as we held a debate on the role of the church in Irish schools. We had a bishop, a journalist, a lecturer and an atheist all speak on what was without doubt the most fascinating event for me. Another highlight of the first Semester was an address by playwright Brian Friel who did a selection of readings. He was followed later in the Semester by author Colm Toibin. One of our best events was our fundraising 24-hour

debate for Concern where we raised 500 euro for Concern. We also had a debate on Northern Ireland among others. The second Semester saw debates on civil disobedience, animal rights, gender and gay rights, religion, the Eurozone, euthanasia and a panel discussion on HIV. We also held a series of internal competitions including Internal Maidens and Speaker of the year. Lastly we finished with our AGM. Inbetween all of this we held workshops to teach debating every Tuesday which drew record crowds. This will hopefully grow the society in the future.

We participated in intervarsities throughout Ireland and further afield, going as far as the World University Debating Championships in Manila. Our schools debating program had another successful year as we attracted more students into debating and encouraged them to come to NUIG. What was formerly known as Dennys is the largest schools debating competition in Ireland.

Overall it was a very successful year with the main highlights being some of the above mentioned debates and events and the huge number of new members we were able to attract.

Lit & Deb Events

This year the society held a total of 44 events.

Workshop 1- Intro to Debating » *Kirwan Theatre* » *20th September 2011*

Tuesday night in Lit and Deb is Workshop Night, where over the course of 20-odd weeks fresh-faced novice debaters are transformed into machines of logic and rhetoric.

Presidential Candidates Debate » *Kirwan Theatre* » *22nd September 2011*

This Thursday the race for the Aras comes to the Kirwan. The Presidential candidates will be outlining their vision for the future of Ireland and why they should get your vote. Students will have the chance to question the candidates about what the role of the President should be going into the future and what they hope to achieve during their term of office if elected.

Workshop 2- Intro to Mace Debating » *Kirwan Theatre* » *27th September 2011*

This week our internal convenor will be teaching the "How to" of competitive debating in MACE style.

Following the workshop there will be a pro am debate,

Transgender Panel Discussion » *Kirwan Theatre* » *29th September 2011*

Speakers: Louise Hannon, won transgender discrimination High Court case against employers.

Michael Farrell, solicitor with FLAC, represented Lydia Foy in her successful case against the state.

Bernie Fitzgerald, Gender Therapist for Rainbow Support Services, Limerick.

Dr Don Horrocks, Evangelical Alliance UK

Keith Tiller, former transgender person who now runs a ministry that mentors transgender people on the biblical response to transgenderism.

Topics for discussion on the night will include outlining what transgenderism is and how it affects people, the different attitudes people have towards it, the status of transgender people in Ireland, the legal issues surrounding it and Minister Joan Burton's proposed Gender Recognition legislation.

Workshop 3 - Mace Debating » *Kirwan Theatre* » *4th October 2011*

Following on from last week's workshop, this week we'll be learning about Mace style debating in more detail.

Workshop 6 - UCD Debrief and Tactics » *Kirwan Theatre* » *4th October 2011*

This week, Lit and Deb reflects on how everyone did at last weekend's UCD Novices competition and the UCD Vice President's Cup and how the competitors can improve on what they did.

Church in Schools Debate » *The Kirwan Theatre* » *6th October 2011*

This Thursday sees the Literary and Debating society of NUI Galway discussing the modern importance of religion in the Irish education system.

Guest speakers include; David Quinn, The Chairperson of the Iona institute and columnist for the Irish Independent,

Bishop Donal McKeown, Bishop of the Diocese of Down and Connor and member of the Council for Education in the Irish Catholic Bishops Conference, Dr. Eoin Daly of the School of Law and Government.

Workshop 4 - Social Policy Debates » *Kirwan Theatre* » *11th October 2011*

This week, Lit and Deb teaches you about one of the main kinds of motion that you'll face throughout your debating career: social policy motions. Social policy refers to legislation that affects the living conditions of citizens and their human welfare.

Lit and Deb Student Nurses Pay Debate » *Kirwan Theatre* » *13th October 2011*

This Thursday sees the Literary and Debating society discusses the proposed reform of student nurses' pay. The model set forward by the state last December would instigate the phasing-out of the pay of student nurses by 2015. Lit and Deb poses the question as to whether or not students who are already struggling financially should suffer a further blow.

Workshop 5 - Prepared Mace Style Debating » *Kirwan Theatre* » *19th October 2011*

This week, Sean takes a break and hands over the reigns to Ms. Muireann O'Dwyer, a veteran of the debating circuit, former member of Lit and Deb and former president of the NUIG students' union. The workshop will focus on prepared Mace style debating and how it differs from traditional mace style debating.

An Audience with Brian Friel » *Kirwan Theatre* » 20th October 2011

This week, the Literary and Debating Society has the esteemed honour of hosting an audience with world-renowned author and playwright, Brian Friel. Friel's most prevalent works include Philadelphia, Here I Come, Translations, and Dancing at Lughnasa which has been assimilated as a staple of the Leaving Certificate English programme long since its original publishing.

Diss Night » *Kirwan Theatre* » 25th October 2011

To reference the time-honoured proverb, 'haters gon' hate'. This week Lit and Deb offers you a platform to rant about whatever it is that bothers you the most in life.

UCD Novice IV » *University College Dublin* » 27th October 2011

This week, Lit and Deb is sending its first years off into the big, bad world of external debating. UCD is the perfect opportunity for first-timers to learn the fundamentals of what competitive debating is about amongst people at a standard similar to theirs.

24 Hour Concern Debate » *Aras na Mac Leinn* » 2nd November – 3rd November 2011 (2 individual events)

This week, Lit and Deb puts itself to the test by speaking for a day on end. Speakers are being sponsored for their efforts and all the proceeds are being donated to Concern worldwide. The motion before the house is That This House Believes It's Time To Talk.

Workshop 7 - International Relations » *Kirwan Theatre* » 8th November 2011

This week Lit and Deb talks international relations. To this end, our resident master of all things diplomatic, Mr. Sean Kearns (internal convener) will aim to break down some contemporary international conflicts to a point where the clashes are understandable and the principles behind them are made clear.

Northern Ireland and The Future of Cross-Border Co-Operation Panel Discussion » *Kirwan Theatre* » 10th November 2011

This week Lit and Deb addresses an issue central to the vast majority of conflict within Ireland in recent history, cross-border relations. As regards to this, Lit and Deb hosts a panel of guests who will discuss matters past, present and future regarding relations between those in the North and the Republic. **Workshop 8 - IR Continued** » *Kirwan Theatre* » 15th November 2011

This week, we continue our discussion on international relations and listen to each presentation on the designated areas assigned to the groups last week.

An Audience with Colm Toibin » *Kirwan Theatre* » 17th November 2011

This week, the Literary and Debating Society has the privilege of conferring its highest honour, the President's Medal upon one of the predominant characters in modern Irish literature, Mr. Colm Toibin. As well as receiving the award, Mr. Toibin will make a formal address to the society and will participate in a question and answer session with the audience. This is a free event and all are welcome to attend on the night.

Workshop 9 - Christmas Workshop! » *Kirwan Theatre* » 22nd November 2011

This week is Lit and Deb's final workshop of the semester (sad face). In this spirit, the Christmas spirit, Lit and Deb has excessive banter on the cards. Sean, our fabulous external convenor, may well be in a fluffy hat. Hope to see you all there for temporary goodbyes, argument and seasonal bant.

Workshop 2 - Public Speaking » *Kirwan Theatre* » 17th January 2012

This week, Sean Kearns, our internal convenor goes through the basics of what makes a convincing speech. The focus of this workshop is different from previous weeks because the emphasis is more so on delivery and persuasion rather than argumentative technique. **The Civil Disobedience Debate** » *Kirwan Theatre* » 19th January 2012

This week Lit and Deb discusses what is justified and what is not when responding to feelings of dissatisfaction with one's political leaders.

Workshop the 12th » *Kirwan Theatre* » 24th January 2012

This week, as always, Lit and Deb will help to shape the young minds of debaters university-wide and aid them in figuring out how to stand up and make a cracking speech whether in-house on Thursdays in the Kirwan or in the wider world of debater-land at national and international competitions.

The Animal Rights Debate » *Kirwan Theatre* » 26th January 2012

This week Lit and Deb debates the position of the rights of animals in relation to those of man. The motion before the house is 'That This House Believes It Is Morally Acceptable to Experiment on Animals for Human Purposes'. Four guest speakers will be in attendance on the night though, after their speeches, the debate will be opened to insights and contributions from the floor. Hope to see you all there.

Gibs Night » *Kirwan theatre* » 15th September 2011

Our first event of the year where first time speakers compete to win the grand prize.

T.P. O'Connor » *Kirwan theatre* » 24th November 2011 Public speaking competition

Welcome back workshop » *Kirwan theatre* » 10th January 2012 Welcome back workshop.

Gender debate » *Kirwan theatre* » 12th January 2012 Gender debate.

Workshops Continue » *Kirwan Theatre* » 31st January 2012

This Tuesday, Lit and Deb workshops continue for those of you who fancy honing your oratorical and argumentative skills. Hosted by our very talented internal convenor, Mr. Sean Kearns, these workshops allow you to learn these abilities in a relaxed atmosphere.

Washington Ireland Programme info Session » *AM215 - SEMINAR BOARD ROOM?* » 1st February 2012

Anne Parsons who has recently completed the Washington Ireland Programme will get an info and feedback session for perspective candidates thinking for applying before next weeks deadline.

Civil Partnership Debate » *Kirwan Theatre* » 2nd February 2012

This week, Lit and Deb debates the civil partnership bill and the question of whether or not it satisfies the needs of Ireland's gay community. The motion before the house is 'That this house believes the civil partnership bill does not go far enough'. Four guest speakers will be debating the topic initially before the debate is open to contributions from the floor. All are welcome to attend what promises to be a heated discussion and an informative evening.

Judging Workshop » *Kirwan Theatre* » 7th February 2012

In preparation for the onslaught of the debating community this coming weekend (the 10th and 11th of February) for the long-awaited Irish National Law Debates 2012 (proudly co-hosted by Lit and Deb and Law soc), this week's workshop focuses on the fundamentals of good judging. One of the conveners of the Law Debates and former Lit and Deb committee member, Ms. Muireann O'Dwyer, will be going through the methods undertaken by adjudicators to ascertain the rankings of debates.

Religion Debate » *Kirwan Theatre* » 9th February 2012

This week, Lit and Deb questions the benefits of theism. The motion before the house is 'That this house believes religion does more harm than good'. The discussion will be opened to the floor after special guest speakers have made their contributions to the conversation. All are welcome to attend and contribute their personal insights. This is a debate in association with De Loitte.

Maidens Workshop » *Kirwan Theatre* » 14th February 2012

This week, Lit and Deb prepares you for trials for National Maidens. National Maidens is an individual competition for First years. This year, the competition is being held in UCC on the 2nd and 3rd of March.

HIV panel discussion » *Kirwan Theatre* » 16th February 2012

This week, Lit and Deb discusses the stigma and misunderstanding which has hindered the discourse surrounding HIV. Lit and Deb is hosting a discussion between various HIV experts who will hold a discussion about the topic which will then open to any questions from the floor. All are welcome to attend.

Maidens Workshop II » *Kirwan Theatre* » 21st February 2012

Continuing on from last week's workshop, we have trials for those who will compete in the final of internal maidens who will also be those who we send to national maidens in Cork at the start of March.

Eurozone Debate » *Kirwan Theatre* » 23rd February 2012

This week Lit and Deb debates the continuing economic crisis within Europe. With continuous pressures being placed on various European states to increase pragmatism as regards their respective debts with the co-dependency of states adding to the problem, the debate around the best solution to these afflictions is ever-increasing. The debate will feature guest speakers and all are welcome to attend.

Internal Maidens » *Kirwan Theatre* » 1st March 2012

This week, the best and brightest of Lit and Deb's first years debate the motion 'TTHB governments should never bail out private industries'. The best maiden of the night gets prestige and a very, very shiny trophy. The six competitors who progressed to the final after last week's workshop also get the privilege of going to National Maidens in UCC on the weekend of the 2nd of February.

SU Hustings » *Kirwan theatre* » 6th March 2012 SU Hustings.

Last workshop » *Kirwan theatre* » 13th March 2012 Last workshop.

Euthanasia Debate » *Kirwan Theatre* » 15th March 2012

This week, Lit and Deb debates the benefits and detriments of intentionally ending a life in order to alleviate suffering and whether or not there are any circumstances under which the pain of death can be lesser than that of earthly turmoil.

Australs » *Kirwan Theatre* » 20th March 2012

G'day Bruce. I regret to inform you all that the time has come for our final workshop of the year. However, as is the habit of Lit and Deb, we thought we might as well go out with a pseudo-but-not-really-racist bang with our Australs workshop. Australs is a 3 on 3 debating style wherein the preferable method of offering POIs involves sounding indignant, glorifying the memory of Steve Irwin and shouting 'CORRRR!'.
Speaker of the Year » *Kirwan Theatre* » 22nd March 2012

This week, Lit and Deb prepares to bestow the honour of one of its highest accolades, the title of Speaker of the Year, onto one of its members. Coming through from various qualifying heats such as internal mace, the DCU IV and Maidens, each of the six speakers has well earned his or her spot in the final. The motion before the competitors is 'That This House Believes in the Right to Occupy'.

AGM » *Kirwan theatre* » 29th March 2012

AGM to elect new committee etc.

Committee 2011/2012

Deputy External Convenor: Colum Wedel

Vice-Auditor: Sean Kearns

Secretary: Shane Commins

External Convenor: Maria O'Flaherty

Webmaster: Maire Kane

School Convenor : Eanna MacDonnchadha

Social Secretary: Karen Cahill

OCM: Mairead Clancy

Auditor: Timothy Morrow

Treasurer: Andrew Hannon

Debates Secretary: Fanchea Daly

Literary Officer: Maria Keenan

INLD's Convenor: Eileen Coughlan

Deputy PRO: Peter Gavin

OCM: Declan Higgins

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Maria Keenan

Vice-Auditor: Shane Commins

Treasurer: Peter Gavin

Secretary: Ronan McCoy

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	3,362.52	Bank charge	€80.56
Bank Charge	€32.60	Costumes	€80.00
Fundraising	€18.00	Dinner	€691.20
Greenform	€750.00	Entry fees	€6,459.84
Hoodies	€385.00	Fundraising/charity	€500.00
Sponsorship	€1,642.22	Gifts	€230.00
Ticket Sales	€1,875.00	Hoodies	€192.50
USC Grant	€19,029.34	Materials	€121.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€515.16
		Phone	€50.00
		Printing	€1,157.69
		Prizes	€148.00
		Transferred to NLD	€2,475.00
		Reception	€1,489.40
		Society accommodation	€3,309.50
		Society transport	€3,569.79
		Socs day expenses	€60.00
		Speaker accommodation	€2,137.15
		Speaker travel	€2,240.95
		Expenditure Total	€25,507.74
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,586.94
Total	€27,094.68	Total	€27,094.68

National Law Debates Balance Sheet - 2011/2012

Income

Expenditure

Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0.00	Bank charge	€34.90
Members Contributions	€455.00	Dinner	€3,974.21
Sponsorship	€4,000.00	Materials	€45.62
Ticket Sales (2475.00 transferred form L n D)	€2,737.50	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€614.99
		Prizes	€69.00
		Security	€198.00
		Society transport	€35.00
		Speaker travel	€25.00
		Stationary	€90.00
		Expenditure Total	€5,086.72
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,105.78
Total	€7,192.50	Total	€7,192.50

Other Information

We held 26 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 756 members.

ALIVE

<u>Karen McGrory</u>	Volunteer at EDUC	60 hours
<u>Cian Moran</u>	Member	20 hours
<u>Maria Keenan</u>	Literary Convenor and PRO.	700 hours
<u>Maria O'Flaherty</u>	External Convener, Speaker, Judge, Speaker, Committee Member	800 hours
<u>Peter Gavin</u>	Volunteer at EUDC, Clerk of the house and Deputy Pro	600 hours
<u>Fanchea Daly</u>	Debates Secretary, Volunteer at EUDC	1000 hours
<u>Evelyn Whyms</u>	Director of Volunteers, EUDC	400 hours
<u>Andrew Hannon</u>	Committee Member	375 hours
<u>Eanna MacDonnchadha</u>	Schools Convenor	700 hours
<u>Timothy Morrow</u>	Auditor, Head Volunteer EUDC	1350 hours
<u>Eileen Coughlan</u>	Volunteer	300 hours
<u>Mairead Clancy</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	200 hours
<u>Sean Kearns</u>	Vice Auditor, Speaker development	1000 hours
<u>Shane Commins</u>	Recording Secretary	600 hours
<u>Colum Wedel</u>	Workshop & Debate Attendee, Speaker, Judge, Deputy External Convenor, INLDs Tab Assistant	200 hours
# ALIVE Students:	15 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	8305 hours	

Lotus Society

The aim of the Lotus Society is to promote the integration of Eastern philosophies and practices into our western culture. We have achieved this by holding classes in Vinyasa Flow, Ashtanga, Satyananda and Hatha yoga and Qigong. These meditative practices are becoming increasingly popular in the western world due to their numerous benefits including stress reduction, emotional balance, better concentration and improved fitness, flexibility and posture. Due to prices in Galway city, classes in these types of yoga and Qigong are perhaps not so accessible to students. We have successfully provided six to seven classes per week in a range of different types of yoga and Qigong at different levels for a third to a quarter of the price usually paid in Galway city. We have also developed a strong community of students and staff members who share a common interest through

the organisation of social events, weekend workshops and a weekend long retreat throughout the year.

Lotus Society Events

This year the society held a total of 151 events.

Exam de-stress yoga » *The View, aras na mac leinn* » 17th April – 24th April 2012 (2 individual events)

Set yourself up for a day of study with some flow based yoga!

Free Yoga Taster Session » *The View* » 15th September 2011

Free yoga taster session followed by refreshments!

Free Yoga Taster Session » *The View* » 20th September 2011

Beginners Ashtanga » *The View* » 27th September – 1st November 2011 (6 individual events)

Invigorating yoga with Christina every Tuesday at 5:10pm. Contact lotus@socs.nuigalway to check availability for future classes.

Gentle Lunchtime Yoga » *The View* » 28th September – 2nd November 2011 (6 individual events)

Chill out at lunchtime with some gentle satanyanda yoga. Contact lotus@socs.nuigalway to check future availability.

Mixed Level Hatha Flow » *The View* » 28th September – 2nd November 2011 (6 individual events)

Fun flow based yoga for beginners and experts alike. Contact lotus@socs.nuigalway to check future availability.

Intermediate Hatha Flow Yoga » *The View* » 29th September – 3rd November 2011 (6 individual events)

Wind down after a hectic day with some flow based yoga.

Intermediate Vinyasa Flow » *The View, aras na mac leinn* » 11th October – 15th November 2011 (6 individual events)

Kick start your day with some invigorating yoga! Classes are now full - contact lotus@socs.nuigalway to check future availability...

Gentle Yoga (Beginners) » *The View, aras na mac leinn* » 13th October – 17th November 2011 (6 individual events)

Wind down after a hectic week with some yoga... Classes are now full, contact lotus@socs.nuigalway to check future availability.

Qigong - free taster session!! » *The View, Aras na mac leinn* » 1st November 2011

Not quite sure what Qigong is? Come along and try a class for free! Spaces are limited so come a little early to avoid disappointment... If you like it, we're starting a six week course next week (Mondays at 4.35pm) and you can sign up at the SocsBox.

Qigong class » *The View, aras na mac leinn* » 7th November – 12th December 2011 (6 individual events)

Qigong is a practice of aligning breath, movement, and awareness for exercise, healing, and meditation (excellent destresser for coming up to exam time!).

Beginners Ashtanga » *The View, aras na mac leinn* » 8th November – 6th December 2011 (5 individual events)

Invigorating yoga with Christina every Tuesday at 5:10pm. Contact lotus@socs.nuigalway to check availability, booking is essential!

Party Time! » *Busker Brownes* » 9th November 2011

Yoga is great and all, but it doesn't give much scope for the social aspect of being in a society. We decided that this was a problem, and after much wracking of brains and tearing of hair, even a little meditation, we came up with a solution to the problem, a completely new and untested invention which we have decided to call "Party". If you're the adventurous sort who doesn't mind adventure and excitement, maybe even a little danger, then you should definitely come along and help us test it out. There will be free food and drinks!

Mixed Level Hatha Flow » *The View, aras na mac leinn* » 9th November – 7th December 2011 (5 individual events)

Fun flow based yoga for beginners and experts alike. Contact lotus@socs.nuigalway to check availability, booking is essential

Gentle Lunchtime Yoga » *The View, aras na mac leinn* » 9th November – 7th December 2011 (5 individual events)

Chill out at lunchtime with some gentle satanyanda yoga. Contact lotus@socs.nuigalway to check availability, booking is essential!

Intermediate Hatha Flow Yoga » *The View, aras na mac leinn* » 10th November – 15th December 2011 (6 individual events)

Wind down after a hectic day with some flow based yoga. Contact lotus@socs.nuigalway to check availability, booking is essential.

Hatha Yoga Workshop » *The View, aras na mac leinn* » 13th November 2011

The workshop costs 10 euro for students and 15 euro for staff and will be set at an intermediate level. Sign up at the socsbox before Friday the 11th!

Exam De-stress Yoga Session » *The View, aras na mac leinn* » 1st December 2011

Free yoga session to help you de-stress between studying!

Workshop with Jack Harrison » *The View, Aras na mac Leinn* » 4th December 2011

Galway Yoga, in conjunction with NUI Galway Lotus Society are delighted to present a Christmas celebration for the Body & Soul with Jack Harrison. The workshop will blend Anusara inspired Ashtanga Yoga, Pranayama, Chanting & Chai.

10 euro for Lotus Soc members.

Exam de-stress yoga » *The View* » 18th April – 9th May 2012 (4 individual events)

Contact lotus@socs.nuigalway to book a spot

Intermediate Vinyasa Flow » *The View, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 17th January – 21st February 2012 (6 individual events)

Kick start your day with some invigorating vinyasa flow! Classes are now full - contact lotus@socs.nuigalway to check future availability...

Beginners Ashtanga » *The View, aras na mac leinn* » 17th January – 21st February 2012 (6 individual events)

Invigorating yoga with Christina every Tuesday at 5:10pm. Class is now booked out, contact lotus@socs.nuigalway to check future availability.

Mixed Level Vinyasa Flow » *The View* » 18th January – 22nd February 2012 (6 individual events)

SOLD OUT!! Keep an eye out for future events.

Film Night » *The View, aras na mac leinn* » 26th January 2012

We're quite not sure what movie we'll be showing yet, but come along early for the free pizza anyway!

Beginners Hatha Yoga » *The View, aras na mac leinn* » 26th January – 8th March 2012 (7 individual events)

Relaxing Hatha yoga with Vikki - Classes are now full, contact lotus@socs.nuigalway to check future availability.

Intermediate Vinyasa Flow » *The View, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 26th January – 15th March 2012 (8 individual events)

Wind down after a hectic day with some flow based yoga. Class is now fully booked, contact lotus@socs.nuigalway to check future availability.

QIGONG class, with Introduction to Tai Chi » *The Large Acoustic Room, aras na mac leinn* » 1st February 2012

Qigong is an ancient Chinese health care system that integrates physical postures, breathing techniques and focused intention. The gentle, rhythmic movements of Qigong reduce stress, build stamina, increase vitality, and enhance the immune system. There are still a few places left, so sign up at the SocsBox before Wednesday, or email lotus@socs.nuigalway to book a place, it's 20 euro for a six week course.

Lunchtime Yoga! » *The Large Acoustic Room, Aras na mac Leinn* » 1st February 2012

Chill out at lunchtime with Marese! Class is now full, contact lotus@socs.nuigalway to check future availability.

Qigong class, with Introduction to Tai Chi » *The View, aras na mac leinn* » 8th February – 14th March 2012 (6 individual events)

Planetary Yoga workshop » *The View, aras na mac leinn* » 12th February 2012

Life unfolding with Vedic Astrology and Hatha Yoga... for more info or to book a spot contact lotus@socs.nuigalway

Lunchtime Yoga! » *The View, aras na mac leinn* » 15th February – 14th March 2012 (5 individual events)

Chill out at lunchtime with Marese! Class is now full, contact lotus@socs.nuigalway to check future availability.

Anusara based workshop with Michael Ryan » *The View, aras na mac leinn* » 26th February 2012

Morning: 10 am - 12.30 pm

Let it Shine: A workshop in Heart Opening Backbends

Afternoon: 2.30 pm - 5 pm

A Life in Relationship: Awakening to the Ground of Being

Intermediate Vinyasa Flow » *The View, aras na mac leinn* » 28th February – 27th March 2012 (5 individual events)

Kick start your day with some invigorating vinyasa flow! Classes are now full - contact lotus@socs.nuigalway to check future availability...

Beginners Ashtanga » *The View* » 28th February – 27th March 2012 (5 individual events)

Invigorating yoga with Christina every Tuesday at 5:10pm. Class is now booked out, contact lotus@socs.nuigalway to check future availability.

Mixed Level Vinyasa Flow Yoga » *The View* » 29th February – 28th March 2012 (5 individual events)

Fun flow based yoga for beginners and experts alike! Contact lotus@socs.nuigalway to check availability, booking is essential.

Yoga Retreat » *Athenry Yoga Centre.* » 2nd March – 4th March 2012 (3 individual events)

This weekend 13 of us are heading off to the beautiful Athenry Yoga Centre, for plenty of relaxing satanyanda yoga, meditation, delicious vegetarian food and walks in the forest (HIPPIES!).

Beginners Hatha Yoga » *The View* » 15th March – 29th March 2012 (3 individual events)

Relaxing Hatha yoga with Vikki - Classes are now full, contact lotus@socs.nuigalway to check future availability

Lotus Soc Dinner and Drinks » *Kelly's Bar* » 20th March 2012

Booked out! Contact lotus@socs.nuigalway to check if there have been any cancellations...

Intermediate Vinyasa Flow » *The View* » 22nd March – 29th March 2012 (2 individual events)

Wind down after a hectic day with some flow based yoga. Class is now fully booked, contact lotus@socs.nuigalway to check future availability.

Exam de-stress yoga » *The View* » 1st May 2012

Free exam de-stress yoga!

Night out for new committee » *kellys bar, Napoli's Pizza and Pasta, Salt House* » 9th May 2012

Night out for new committee

Committee 2011/2012

OCM: Lewy Blue

Vice-Auditor: Elaine Comer

Social Events Organiser: Rachel Kelly

Secretary: Lisa Hynes

OCM: Thomas Shanahan

OCM : Jolanta Karpinska

OCM: Nelly Berg

OCM: Oliver Grant

Equipment Officer: Nicholas Dowling

PRO: Aoife O'Sullivan

Treasurer: Katherine Leonard

OCM: Anna-mieke Bishop

OCM: Hollydawn Murray

OCM: Fiona Gillespie

OCM : Brian McGinley

Auditor: Matthias Schmid

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Matthias Schmid

Secretary: Lisa Hynes

Social Events Coordinator: Rachel Kelly

Master of Tai Chi: Thomas Shanahan

PRO: Aoife O'Sullivan

OCM: Anna-mieke Bishop

Treasurer: Katherine Leonard

Vice-Auditor: Elaine Comer

Class Sign-ups Administrator: Lewy Blue

Equipments Officer: Nicholas Dowling

OCM: Jolanta Karpinska

OCM: Hollydawn Murray

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	806.72	Bank charge	€73.66
Members Contributions	€95.00	Dinner	€533.95
SocsBox Till	€8,462.50	Entertainment	€324.80
USC Grant	€4,000.00	Equipment misc	€69.99
		Gifts	€20.50
		Hire Bus	€160.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€68.27
		Printing	€9.21
		Society accommodation	€800.00
		SocsBox Till Refund	€155.00
		Socs day expenses	€24.71
		Teacher fees	€9,210.00
		Expenditure Total	€11,450.09
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,914.13
Total	€13,364.22	Total	€13,364.22

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 730 members.

ALIVE

Jennifer Lertola	Class Sign-up Administrator	150 hours
Jolanta Karpinska	PRO	175 hours
Phoebe Ni Choitir	Vice-Auditor	200 hours
Rachel Kelly	Events Organiser	150 hours
Nelly Berg	Secretary	150 hours

Malaysian Society

The Malaysian Society functions primarily to achieve its three aims in the constitution which are to promote unity among Malaysian students, to encourage interaction and cultural exchange between Malaysians and the locals, and to liaise with the Malaysian Students Department in Dublin and the students here in Galway.

Many activities have been held to build and strengthen the relationship among the students. Mixers were a good avenue for being acquainted with the new juniors, and to catch up with each others wellbeing. The society has also been the medium of communication for the Malaysian Students Department based in Dublin, to update them about the students' welfare, and to relay important messages to the students.

Malaysian Society Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

Malaysian Cultural Day » *aras na mac leinn (the foyer)* » 2nd February 2012

An annual event to expose the Irish and other international students on the culture diversity in Malaysia. Free sample Malaysian foods are also provided.

Eid Celebration » *bailey allen hall* » 17th September 2011

Bring Malaysians together hence strengthen our relationship as a community while seeking forgiveness for our past mistakes, and preparing to face a new academic year together.

The Raya celebration was organised specially for Malaysians in Galway so that we can feel like we are celebrating AidilFitri just like at home.

» » 1st January 1970

Galwegians Day Out » *Combat Zone Paintball Games Ltd., Limerick* » 25th February 2012

A healthy recreational activity that at the same time could help create the bond among students.

Committee 2011/2012

Committee member: Norlisa Khalid

Auditor: Azri Bohari

Treasurer: Ilani Azmi

Committee member: Mohamed Hizwan Mohd Aidnil

Vice-Auditor: Jihan 'alya Mohd Nordin

Secretary: Farah Nadia Fadzil

Event Coordinator: Nik Nur Sarahana Hanafi

Personal Relations Officer: Nor Aslam Haji Mohd Noor

Committee member: Noor Diana Mohd Azli Lee

Committee member: Khalidah Mohd Zain

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Mohammad Azzahari Abdillah

Vice-Auditor: Khalidah Mohd Zain

Treasurer: Farah Syahera Khairi

Secretary: Nazihah Mohamad Noh

Event Coordinator: Farah Nadia Fadzil

Event Coordinator: Nur Farhanim Che A Halim

OCM: Muhamad Amin Arsyad Mahayidin

OCM: Mohamad Fikri Haikal Ahmad Kamal

OCM: Salihah Athirah Abu Noor

OCM: Mohamad Sharifudin Dzulkefli

Public Relation Officer: Nor Aslam Haji Mohd Noor

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	278.22	Bank charge	€25.26
Members Contributions	€680.00	Dinner	€120.00
Sponsorship	€288.55	Entry fees	€950.00
USC Grant	€1,000.00	Gifts	€157.57
		Hire Bus	€400.00
		Materials	€221.63
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€105.07
		Phone	€10.97
		Printing	€38.10
		Society transport	€77.00
		Stationary	€4.45
		Expenditure Total	€2,110.05
		Closing Bank Balance	€136.72
Total	€2,246.77	Total	€2,246.77

Other Information

We held 11 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 155 members.

ALIVE

<u>Mohamad Khairul Amilin Ismail</u>	Welfare Officer	300 hours
<u>Noor Diana Mohd Azli Lee</u>	Committee Member	200 hours
<u>Nor Aslam Haji Mohd Noor</u>	Public Relation Officer	200 hours
<u>Nik Nur Sarahana Hanafi</u>	Event coordinator	200 hours
<u>Khalidah Mohd Zain</u>	Committee members	250 hours
<u>Farah Nadia Fadzil</u>	Event Coordinator	280 hours
<u>Ilani Azmi</u>	Treasurer	200 hours
# ALIVE Students:	7 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	1630 hours	

Marine Soc

The aims of the Marine Society is to promote the awareness of marine issues in the University and in the surrounding Galway area. The Marine Society advances the knowledge of zoological, botanical and environmental matters in fun, inspirational, active ways, that will allow everyone to understand our impacts on the oceans. Through trips, national and international, seminar series, primary school visits and charity collections the marine society creates a greater appreciation and understanding of marine matters in the college and local area.

However this semester was quite a disappointment, with very little which was planned being initiated. We did get more activity during the first semester with movie nights.

Marine Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 1 events.

First Meeting: First meeting in September with pizza to elect a committee and watch a documentary.

Committee 2011/2012

Travel and Safety Officer: Ultan O'Byrne

Auditor: Niamh Scully

Secretary: Laura Adams

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,184.18	Bank charge	€24.62
Bank Charge	€9.46	Dinner	€100.00
Members Contributions	€61.00	Expenditure Total	€124.62
USC Grant	€500.00	Closing Bank Balance	€1,630.02
Total	€1,754.64	Total	€1,754.64

Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 147 members.

ALIVE

Niamh Scully	Auditor	105 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	105 hours	

Maths Soc

Maths Soc were very active this year with an increase of attendance at our events. We are looking forward to building on this next year. Please see below for a list of all our events.

Maths Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 15 events.

Party with the mob » C219 Aras de Brun » 23rd September 2011

Alberto Alvarez will give a talk on statistical modelling

Evidence for intron length conservation in a set of mammalian genes associated with embryonic development. » C219, Aras de Brun » 7th October 2011

Paul Korir will be speaking this week.

Refreshments (and cakes) will be served.

Design Theory » C219, Aras de Brun » 14th October 2011

Padraig O Cathain will be speaking about designs.

Refreshments (and cakes) will be served.

Lovely Shapes: Classification of Connected Compact 2-Manifolds. » C219 Aras de Brun » 21st October 2011

Another of our regular Friday meetings. Tom Shanahan will be speaking about shapes and things.

To Be Decided » C219, Aras de Brun » 28th October 2011

Jorge Bruno will be speaking

The Mechanics of Skin » C219, Aras de Brun » 11th November 2011

Prof Michel Destrade will be speaking.

Missing Data and Multiple Imputation. » C219, Aras de Brun. » 18th November 2011

Eoghan O'Brien will be speaking

Cholesky, Tausky, Todd, Toeplitz and Turing: A story of love, death, wars, and matrix factorisations.

» C219, Aras de Brun. » 25th November 2011 Dr. Niall Madden will be speaking.

The Fun and Games of Linear Groups » C219, Aras de Brun. » 20th January 2012 Barry Hurley will be talking

Fast cars, cocaine and supermodels: Improving gene expression estimates from DNA microarrays. »

C219, Aras de Brun » 17th February 2012 Paul Geeleher will be speaking.

Infinite Groups » C219, Aras de Brun » 24th February 2012 Dr. Claas Roever will be speaking.

Surfaces, Structures and Simplicial Maps between Non-separating Curves Graphs » C219, Aras de Brun »

2nd March 2012 Jesus Hernandez Hernandez will be speaking

Fractals » C219, Aras de Brun » 9th March 2012 Dr. Patrick Browne will be speaking

To Be Decided » C219, Aras de Brun » 16th March 2012

Dr. Patrick Brown will be speaking

A Combinatorial Approach to Minimal Triangulations » C219, Aras de Brun » 23rd March 2012

Sonia Balagopalan will be speaking

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Kevin Doherty

Treasurer: James McTigue

Secretary: Jorge Bruno

Vice-Auditor: Alberto Alvarez Iglesias

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	31.62	Bank charge	€15.62
Bank Charge	€3.49	Dinner	€640.19
USC Grant	€1,200.00	Reception	€459.93
		Expenditure Total	€1,115.74
		Closing Bank Balance	€119.37
Total	€1,235.11	Total	€1,235.11

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 136 members.

Mature Students

The Mature Students Society have had a busy and successful year! The committee organised two children's parties - a fancy dress Halloween party and a Christmas party where Father Christmas was in attendance and all children received a gift. A year end function was arranged with great food and craic and a fantastic time was had by all. This would not have been possible without the hard work of the Event's Committee and all volunteers.

The Travel Committee organised an international trip this year. In May a group of mature students went on a three day trip to Budapest which was enjoyed by all. The general feedback included how beautiful and friendly the City was and how wonderful the baths and thermal pools were. It is fair to say the trip was a welcome break to all who travelled also it was well organised ensuring a pleasant trip for all.

The Mature Students Society hope to host a get together in July where all who went on the trip to Budapest can bring their photographs for viewing which is open to anyone.

The Committee this year has been made up of a group of mature students who have done an extraordinary job.

Mature Students Events

This year the society held a total of 8 events.

Mature Students Society AGM » large acoustic room » 28th September 2011

Please join us at the Annual General Meeting of the Mature Students Society. Here we give a brief summary of the events that have taken place in the previous academic year and select a new committee. New members always wanted on the committee, so come and cast your vote. Food and refreshments available.

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY » *the Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn, NUIG* » 30th October 2011

A big hello to all the Mature Students who have children. Come and enjoy a fantastic fun day celebrating Halloween in The Cube. Jumping castle, face painting, loads of goodies and a series of prizes for the best dressed, most authentic, most scary costumes and so on. So come expecting a brilliant time.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY » *the Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 17th December 2011

A hearty welcome to everyone. Come and join our Christmas Party. There will be a magic show, puppet show, disco and of course Santa will be in attendance. A present for each child and goodie bags. Refreshments for the parents. So don't forget to let us know if you are coming.

Year End Party » *college bar* » 18th May 2012

The MSS Year End Party will take place at the College Bar (upstairs). We will be celebrating the finalisation of the year and celebrating the arrival of summer :). So come and join other mature students and enjoy the craic. Finger food, hot and cold and well as tee/coffee available for all. Don't miss out on this opportunity.

INTERNATIONAL TRIP TO BUDAPEST » *No suggestions found* » 25th May – 28th May 2012 (4 individual events)

Yes, it is that time of the year again. The exams are over, summer is here and the annual International Trip has arrived. Join us for 3 nights/4 days in Budapest.

Committee 2011/2012

Treasurer: Michelle Mitchell

Auditor: Owen Ward

Vice-Auditor: Kathleen Walshe

Secretary: Jacqueline Nee

Events Officer (1): Briedge McCarney

Events Officer (2): Regina Tighe

Events Officer (3): Abosede Fapohunda

Travel Officer (1): Christine Marshall

Travel Officer (2): Roderick Burns

Travel Officer (3): Pdraig McGonnell

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	439.86	Bank charge	€29.76
Members Contributions	€4,264.85	Dinner	€423.37
Sponsorship	€500.00	Entertainment	€13.00
USC Grant	€3,700.00	Equipment misc	€280.00
		Makeup/Props	€7.00
		Materials	€509.15
		Printing	€91.00
		Prizes	€25.40
		Society accommodation	€1,590.00
		Society transport	€3,634.85
		Socs day expenses	€45.74
		Speaker travel	€1,800.00
		Stationary	€69.25
		Expenditure Total	€8,518.52
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€386.19
Total	€8,904.71	Total	€8,904.71

Other Information

We held 14 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 246 members.

ALIVE

<u>Owen Ward</u>	Auditor	100 hours
<u>Michelle Mitchell</u>	Treasurer	45 hours
<u>Jacqueline Nee</u>	Secretary	30 hours
<u>Christine Marshall</u>	Travel Sub-Committee, Safety Officer	10 hours
<u>Briedge McCarney</u>	Events Committee Officer	25 hours
<u>Padraig McGonnell</u>	Travel committee	20 hours
<u>Regina Tighe</u>	Events Organiser	25 hours
<u>Abosede Fapohunda</u>	Events Committee	35 hours
# ALIVE Students:	8 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	290 hours	

Medicine Soc

Medicine Soc organises a variety of information days, parties and sporting tournaments. Medsoc organises the legendary Medball every December and raises money for very worthy charities such as VSA throughout the year.

Medicine Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 10 events.

Undergraduate Research Meeting » *Large lecture theatre, CSI, UCHG. » 21st October 2011*

Students that have carried out summer research projects are given the opportunity to display their work in either an oral presentation or poster format. They will receive feedback from staff on their chosen topic and results and there will be awards for best presentation and best poster. A wine reception will be held after the event.

Med Ball tickets on sale » *Outside LLT, CSI, UCHG. » 21st November 2011*

Med Ball will be held in the Radisson BLU hotel on Sunday 18th December at 6.30pm. Tickets will be 65 euro (champagne reception, meal, live band and DJ.)

Med Ball tickets on sale » *Outside LLT, CSI, UCHG. » 22nd November 2011*

Med Ball will be held in the Radisson BLU hotel on Sunday 18th December at 6.30pm. Tickets will be 65 euro (champagne reception, meal, live band and DJ.)

Med Ball tickets on sale » *Outside LLT, CSI, UCHG. » 23rd November 2011*

Med Ball will be held in the Radisson BLU hotel on Sunday 18th December at 6.30pm. Tickets will be 65 euro (champagne reception, meal, live band and DJ.)

Med Ball tickets on sale » *Outside LLT, CSI, UCHG. » 24th November 2011*

Med Ball will be held in the Radisson BLU hotel on Sunday 18th December at 6.30pm. Tickets will be 65 euro (champagne reception, meal, live band and DJ.)

Med Ball tickets on sale » *Outside LLT, CSI, UCHG. » 25th November 2011*

Med Ball will be held in the Radisson BLU hotel on Sunday 18th December at 6.30pm. Tickets will be 65 euro (champagne reception, meal, live band and DJ.)

Letterkenny medical academy party » *Letterkenny medical academy » 2nd December – 3rd December 2011 (2 individual events)*

MEDBALL 2011 » *Radisson BLU hotel, Galway » 18th December – 19th December 2011*

Tickets 65 euro including champagne reception, meal, live band and DJ.

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Suzanne Beecher

Vice-Auditor: Nichola Moran

Secretary: Irene McDonnell

Public Relations Officer: Niamh Hennessy

Entertainment Officer: Isabel Haugh

Treasurer: Erinn McGrath

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	8,886.71	Ball	€31,413.51
Bank Charge	€6.70	Bank charge	€24.28
Sponsorship	€2,000.00	Dinner	€154.00
Ticket Sales	€35,335.00	Equipment misc	€1,070.00
USC Grant	€1,000.00	Fundraising/charity	€4,000.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€297.00
		Promotions	€170.00
		Society transport	€300.00
		Speaker accommodation	€400.00
		Expenditure Total	€37,828.79
		Closing Bank Balance	€9,399.62
Total	€47,228.41	Total	€47,228.41

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 315 members.

Microsoc

Microsoc is the society created to represent the Microbiology department N.U.I. Galway. This society was set up and is currently run by the post graduate students of the department.

The society strives to develop a sense of unity among the members of the department as well as promoting microbiology and its applications to a wider field across the university and beyond. The society organise several social events throughout the year to this end, from small local coffee mornings for charity, to the large university wide annual Post-Grad Ball as well as all the BBQ's and parties in between. In order to promote the subject of microbiology, the society organises monthly talks given by both visiting speakers and researchers within the university on various microbiology related topics.

Microsoc Events

This year the society held a total of 91 events.

Microsoc AGM » *Dunican Lecture Theatre* » *21st October 2011*

Microsoc AGM. Refreshments will be provided at the meeting. Meeting will proceed to college bar where pizza will be served. All are welcome.

Microsoc Group Running » *Starting Point at the Microbiology Department* » *14th November 2011*

Want to get fit and participate in a group activity. Join the running group every Monday and Wednesday evening.

MUSIC BINGO in association with NuigMicrosoc » *D?il Bar* » 16th November 2011

A fabulous fun filled night planned, with not your average bingo session in accordance with Music Week MicroSoc present bingo with a difference! Can you tell what song plays and also mark it off your card-twice the challenge! But with lots of fun and loads of prizes to be won great night guaranteed! Cost of entry is 5e.

Bowling Outing » *Galway Leisure World* » 23rd November 2011

Bowling for all in Galway Leisure World!!

Microsoc Meeting » *Microbiology common room* » 23rd November – 28th May 2012 (14 individual events)

Twice monthly meeting to discuss events and goings on within the department and society.

Mulled Wine Charity Morning » *Microbiology Small Seminar Room* » 8th December 2011

Hi Everyone! We are having a mulled-wine charity morning next Thursday the 8th in the Microbiology Small Seminar Room at 10:30am-12! There'll be mulled wine, tea, coffee, and baked goods, did I mention mulled wine?!

All proceeds are going to Build4life Cystic Fibrosis and Cystic Fibrosis Association of Ireland.

Fancy Dress Christmas Party » *kellys bar* » 14th December 2011

Fun Fancy Dress Christmas Party in Kellys Bar on Wednesday 14th. Theme of Mythology.... Prizes Galore on the night!!

NUIG PostGrad Ball » *The Meyrick Hotel Galway* » 22nd March – 23rd March 2012

Nuig PostGrad Ball!

This years annual post-graduate ball will be held in the gorgeous and central Meyrick Hotel on the 22nd of March. There will be a sweets and bubbly reception upon arrival at 7pm. A tasty four course meal with refreshments. Entertainment will be provided from the winners of Witless, The Converse Allstars and DJ Kid Kongo going late into the night (2am +). Tickets only 45e and on sale on the 23rd & 28th Feb!

Seek Tb » *Dunican Theatre* » 30th March 2012

Kate Reddington will be our guest speaker for this weeks MicroSoc seminar! Tea and coffee before hand in the common room.

Shoebox appeal collection » *microbiology common room* » 18th November 2011

All shoeboxes must be dropped off by 4pm for delivery to depot.

"The application of pathogen genomics to TB disease control" » *Dunican Theatre* » 2nd December 2011

Presented by: Professor Steven Gordon, UCD

?Pharmabiotics: probiotic mechanisms based on production of bioactives? » *Dunican Theatre* » 19th January 2012

Presented by: Professor Paul Ross

Tag Rugby Training » *The Presidents Lawn* » 13th February – 1st October 2012 (34 individual events)

Everyone welcome to Tag rugby training. Hope to form a team and enter a team in the Dangan league.

Regulation of the alternative sigma factor ?B and its role in the stress response of Listeria monocytogenes » *Dunican Theatre* » 24th February 2012

A talk on the PhD research of Marta Utratna.

Tag Rugby Match » *dangan sports center* » 18th April – 3rd October 2012 (25 individual events)

Matches every week, all welcome

?Slow Sand Filters for Waste and Wastewater Treatment: Technology & Microbial Ecology? » *Dunican Theatre* » 30th April 2012

MicroSoc will help host a Mini-Symposium this evening at 6.30pm in the New Engineering Building.

tag rugby social » *the front door* » 16th May – 17th May 2012 (2 individual events)

All welcome to come along and have a few drinks to celebrate the success of the tag rugby team!

Final Year Results BBQ » *The College Bar* » 25th May – 26th May 2012 (2 individual events)

A final party to say goodbye and well done to this years 4th years on their results day.

"Microbes Buried Alive" by Prof. Tim Lowenstein. » *Dunican Theatre* » 5th March 2012

Talk on Microbes in deep soil

Committee 2011/2012

Vice Treasurer: Kathryn Kilroy

Secretary: Helena Kelly

Treasurer: Conor Feehily

Auditor: Sinead Murphy

PRO: Ciara Keating

Vice PRO: Iain O'Connor

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	4,835.77	Ball	€13,106.30
Balls	€14,310.00	Bank charge	€102.53
Bank Charge	€53.51	Dinner	€330.88
Classes	€150.00	Entertainment	€864.97
Fundraising	€530.13	Entry fees	€300.00
SocsBox Till	€1,350.00	Fundraising/charity	€578.00
Ticket Sales	€155.00	Hoodies	€240.00
USC Grant	€500.00	Prizes	€200.00
		Speaker travel	€554.00
		Expenditure Total	€16,276.68
		Closing Bank Balance	€5,607.73
Total	€21,884.41	Total	€21,884.41

Other Information

We held 18 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 412 members.

ALIVE

Iain O'Connor Vice-PRO 52 hours

ALIVE Students: 1 student

Hours Volunteered: 52 hours

Musical Society (GUMS)

Galway University Musical Society or GUMS is a society that aims to provide a place for people with similar interests to come together. The musical society is not only for those who enjoy singing, dancing and acting. But also for those who enjoy the creativity that goes behind the scenes including directing, costume design and set design.

We provide a safe and comfortable place for people of all shapes and sizes and orientations to enjoy their hobby and make life long friends along the way.

We put on a full scale musical in the Town Hall. This being Spring Awakening. This had a cast of 42 and was the main event for GUMS this year. The rehearsals in the run up to the show was the main source of hours spent for the members of the society.

We also had NUIGs Got Talent, a talent competition for the students in the university.

This year we had a small production with Dramsoc of The Rocky Horror Show in the BOI. This was a huge success and we hope to continue with these projects in the future.

We also had many small events for our members and the general student population. These included nights out and DVD showings. We also held our schools awards competition where we attended secondary school productions and presented awards at a ceremony on campus.

Musical Society (GUMS) Events

This year the society held a total of 56 events.

Meet and Greet » *The Cube, Aras na Macleinn* » 26th September 2011

Meet and greet for everyone who auditioned for Spring Awakening and our Concert, fun and banter!

GUMS Singing Rehearsals » *Tyndall Theater* » 28th September – 23rd November 2011 (9 individual events)

GUMS Singing Rehearsals, Tyndall Theatre, Behind the McMunn, Beside Smokies

GUMS Acting Rehearsals » *The Space* » 29th September – 24th November 2011 (9 individual events)

GUMS Acting Rehearsals for leads in 'Spring Awakening'.

GUMS Dance rehearsals » *The Cube, Aras na Macleinn* » 3rd October – 21st November 2011 (8 individual events)

Dance rehearsals for the Musical Societies production of Spring Awakening in the Cube.

The Wedding Singer DVD Premier » *IT250, I.T Building* » 4th October 2011

Everyone is welcome to come watch last years musical The Wedding Singer on DVD!

NUIG's Got Talent Heat 2 » *College Bar* » 25th October 2011

The Second Heat Of NUIG's Got Talent

NUIG's Got Talent Heat 2 » *College Bar* » 1st November 2011

The Last Heat Of NUIG's Got Talent

NUIG's Got Talent The Final » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 15th November 2011

The Final of NUIG's Got Talent, the Biggest event of Music Week. Who will win the 1,000euro prize??? Tickets include dinner and your all important audience voting card. 10euro from the SocsBox.

Spring Awakening Rehearsals » *The Cube, Aras Na Macleinn* » 7th January – 4th February 2012 (5 individual events)

All day rehearsals for the whole cast, singing, acting and dancing! (cast only)

Spring Awakening Rehearsals » *The Cube, Aras na Macleinn* » 8th January – 5th February 2012 (5 individual events)

Spring Awakening rehearsals for the entire cast, singing, acting and dancing! (cast only)

GUMS Orchestra Rehearsal » *The Space, Aras na Macleinn* » 9th January – 30th January 2012 (4 individual events)

Orchestra rehearsals for Spring Awakening with Megan.(cast only)

GUMS Dance Rehearsals » *The Cube, Aras na Macleinn* » 9th January – 30th January 2012 (4 individual events)

Spring Awakening dance rehearsals with Diarm and Gillian. (cast only)

Spring Awakening » *The Black Box Theatre, Dyke Road, Galway* » 7th February – 11th February 2012 (5 individual events)

GUMS production of the new Musical Spring Awakening.

Spring Awakening is a rock musical adaptation of the controversial 1892 German play of the same title by Frank Wedekind. It features music by Duncan Sheik and a book and lyrics by Steven Sater.

The Musical Ball » *The Meyrick Hotel* » 14th March – 15th March 2012 (2 individual events)

The Musical Ball for everyone who was involved with Spring Awakening. Dinner, music and banter!

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Laura Donnelly

Treasurer: Aisling McGee

Promotion and Publicity Officer: Oisín Tierney

Assistant Choreographer: Gillian Keady

Musical Director: Megan Lohan

Set Assistant: Oisín Minogue

School Liaison Officer/ OCM: Elizabeth Moon

Ordinary Committee Member: Paul Herron

Costumes Assistant: Jessica Mullins

Vice-Auditor: Aisling Gaffney

Secretary: Eva-marie Costello

PR Assistant: Ryan McCarthy

Choreographer: Diarmuid Scahill

Head of Set: Donal Duffy

Entertainment Officer/ OCM: Jennifer Brennan

School Liaison Officer/ OCM: Caoimhin O'Higgins

Costume Mistress: Maria Walsh

Director: Sophie Connolly

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Oisín Tierney

Treasurer: Diarmuid Scahill

Director: Aoife Kilbane

Assistant Choreographer: Gillian Keady

Head Of Sets: Stephen Iredale

Vice-Auditor: Amy Jordan

Secretary: Paul O'Mahony

choreographer: Michael Flanagan

Musical Director: Megan Lohan

Sets Assistant: Ronan Gallagher

Costumes Mistress: Jessica Mullins

PRO: Megan Connolly

Schools Liason/ OCM: Blathnaid McKeivitt

Costumes Assistant: Niamh Alvey

Schools Liason/ OCM: Katie Connolly

OCM: Yvonne McHugh

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	716.12	Affill/Mem fees	€200.00
Fundraising	€350.00	Bank charge	€56.56
Hoodies	€634.50	Costumes	€2,627.30
Muscailt	€1,200.00	Dinner	€2,199.65
SocsBox Till	€13,035.00	Entertainment	€1,651.28
Ticket Sales	€2,074.00	Entry fees	€80.00
USC Grant	€12,200.00	Equipment misc	€1,714.65
		Euros	€130.00
		Fundraising/charity	€600.00
		Gifts	€127.50
		Hoodies	€1,701.97
		Lights	€2,225.00
		Makeup/Props	€350.00
		Materials	€141.26
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€100.00
		Performing rights	€1,520.15
		Printing	€138.14
		Prizes	€3,250.00
		Promotions	€575.00
		Set	€2,254.93
		Society accommodation	€1,492.70
		Society transport	€3,767.07
		SocsBox Till Refund	€115.00
		Sound	€2,650.00
		Stationary	€25.97
		Video Hire	€40.00
		Expenditure Total	€29,734.13
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€475.49
Total	€30,209.62	Total	€30,209.62

Other ALIVE

We held 42 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 508 members.

ALIVE

Hazel Doyle

Cast Member

254 hours

Megan Lohan

Musical Director

550 hours

Mohammed Hamza

Crew/Chorus

180 hours

<u>Hannah Loughnane</u>	Member of Chorus	205 hours
<u>Megan Connolly</u>	Chorus Member	210 hours
<u>Laura Staunton</u>	Member	210 hours
<u>Aisling McGee</u>	Chorus member and Treasurer	250 hours
<u>Orla McHugh</u>	Volunteer	220 hours
<u>Niamh Alvey</u>	Chorus member	250 hours
<u>Laura Donnelly</u>	Auditor/Co-Producer	857 hours
<u>Shauna O'Connor</u>	volunteer	220 hours
<u>Amy Jordan</u>	Volunteer	210 hours
<u>Aoife Kilbane</u>	Lead role in annual musical 'Spring Awakening'	200 hours
<u>Sharon Meehan</u>	Chorus member	130 hours
<u>Donal Duffy</u>	Head of set	400 hours
<u>Emily Hallissey</u>	Crew	50 hours
<u>Eva-marie Costello</u>	Secretary and Cast Member	350 hours
<u>Caoimhin O'Higgins</u>	Schools Liason Officer	300 hours
<u>Amy Burke</u>	Chorus member	200 hours
<u>Christopher Moran</u>	Actor in 'Spring Awakening'	100 hours
<u>Emmet Byrne</u>	Member	200 hours
<u>Aisling Gaffney</u>	Vice-Auditor/Co-Producer	830 hours
<u>Conor Burke</u>	Fundraiser and Volunteer	54 hours
<u>Stephanie Marie Bollard</u>	Orchestra Member	60 hours
<u>Marie-camille Grangier</u>	Volunteer	100 hours
<u>Diarmuid Scahill</u>	Choreographer	750 hours
<u>Jennifer Brennan</u>	Entertainment Officer & Chorus Member	300 hours
<u>Gillian Keady</u>	Assistant Choreographer	500 hours
<u>Stephen Iredale</u>	chorus member	350 hours
<u>Paul O'Mahony</u>	Chorus Member	250 hours
<u>Katie Connolly</u>	Chorus	210 hours
<u>Kamile Jucyte</u>	Volunteer	200 hours
<u>Hannah O'Reilly</u>	Actor	150 hours
<u>Maria Walsh</u>	Head of Costumes	150 hours
<u>Blathnaid McKevitt</u>	volunteer	220 hours
<u>Ronan Gallagher</u>	Set Building	50 hours
<u>Emma Van Der Putten</u>	Participant in musical	260 hours
# ALIVE Students:	37 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	9980 hours	

MusicSoc

Music Soc organised jamming sessions and teamed up with Rock Soc to bring the Witless Band Competition to campus.

MusicSoc Events

This year the society held a total of 11 events. We continued our jamming sessions this year and also ran several events throughout the year in association with Rock Soc.

Weekly Jamming Session » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 18th October – 13th December 2011 (9 individual events)

BUSKING » *Around Campus* » 14th November 2011

Collecting for Charity Voices for Galway

Music Soc & Rock Soc present: Q & A session with ALASTAIR KINROSS » *The Space, ?ras na Mac Léinn* » 7th February 2012

Alastair Kinross has kindly donated his time to host a Q & A in conjunction with him being the special guest judge at tonight Witless final. He has quite the exciting and extraordinary repertoire to boot too - He is Artist & Repertoire (A&R) for Future Records / Universal MusicUK and San Remo Publishing (both Gary Barlow's companies), with which he specialises with targeting the UK, European and Asian markets. He previously worked in A&R for Decca Records (Jamie Cullum / Melody Gardot), he was a reviewer for The Fly Magazine (Bombay Bicycle Club / Esser and more) and worked as an Audio Engineer for Overtones and Guildhall Recording Studios.

Committee 2011/2012

Treasurer: Caroline Jennings

Vice-Auditor: Peter O'Toole

Co - Jamming Coordinator: Tom Hayes

Venue Organiser: Paul Curley

Secretary: Robin Allen

OCM: Peter Gallagher

OCM: John Strong

Webmaster : Thomas O'Neill

Auditor: John Kiely

OCM: Sinead Curran

OCM: Eoin Coates

OCM: Thor McVeigh

Jamming Officer: Aidan Kenny

Music PRO: Vincent Hughes

Ent PRO: Jan Lunde

Venue Organizers assistant : Pedro Pinto Leite Jorge Fiel

Events Organiser : Kevin Donoghue

Events Co-Organiser: Mark Kelly

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,112.97	Bank charge	€31.15
Bank Charge	€5.81	Dinner	€100.00
Fundraising	€149.66	Entertainment	€335.00
Muscailt	€300.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€260.00
SocsBox Till	€456.00	Printing	€237.90
Sponsorship	€250.00	Prizes	€500.00
USC Grant	€3,148.15	Reception	€225.65
		SocsBox Till Refund	€227.50
		Socs day expenses	€78.22
		Sound	€922.50
		Speaker accommodation	€95.00
		Speaker travel	€27.00
		Expenditure Total	€3,039.92
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,382.67
Total	€5,422.59	Total	€5,422.59

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 679 members.

ALIVE

<u>Mark Kelly</u>	Events Co-Organiser	20 hours
<u>Eoin Coates</u>	Interim-Auditor + OCM	70 hours
<u>Caroline Jennings</u>	Treasurer	50 hours
<u>Thor McVeigh</u>	OCM/ Event Manager	300 hours
<u>John Kiely</u>	Auditor	80 hours
<u>Jan Lunde</u>	Public Relations Officer	35 hours
<u>Robin Allen</u>	Secretary	150 hours
<u>Peter O'Toole</u>	Vice - Auditor	148 hours
<u>Aidan Kenny</u>	Jamming officer	60 hours
# ALIVE Students:	9 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	913 hours	

Muslim Youth Soc

Muslim Youth Society aims to establish, encourage and foster cooperation and brotherhood among its members. It also target to promote better understanding and appreciation of Islam to everyone.

Muslim Youth Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 24 events.

Islamic Studies » *Knocknacarra Blacha ne Creige Community Centre* » 25th September – 24th January 2012 (18 individual events)

In this Islamic studies, students learnt more about the life journey of the prophet Muhammad, family and his companion. Other topics include sharia laws and Quran studies »

Discover Islam Exhibition (Equality Week) » *aras na mac leinn (the foyer)* » 6th October 2011

In conjunction with the Equality Weeek, a team from Galway Islamic Propagation Centre opened a booth to answer the questions about Islam. There were also lots of posters that give the audienece a good idea about different aspects of Islam.

Companions of Prophet Muhammed PBUH (speaker tour) » *clinical science institute, small lecture theatre* » 11th October 2011

Shaykh Reda Bedeir, PhD, carries a life-time worth of achievements. From the land of Egypt, he was invited to NUIG to speak about the companions of Prophet Muhammad as excellent examples to follow.

Paintball Trip » *limerick combat zone* » 16th October 2011

The teams had the tight battle for the champion title! A fun day out for everyone.

Isn't It Great? : An Evening with Syakh Abdul Rahman McCarthy » *clinical science institute, large lecture theatre* » 8th November 2011

Syakh Abdul Rahman McCarthy addressed the audience on the greatness of religion and the Oneness of God in Islam. In this lecture, the syakh reminded everyone to practise the teaching of Islam like brotherhood, respecting the elders and to promote peace and love to everyone.

Charity Day » *aras na mac leinn (the foyer)* » 10th November 2011

In conjunction with annual Charity Week by Federation of Student Islamic Societies (FOSIS) in UK and Ireland, MYS brought different types of Asian spicy food and cakes, as well as Henna (temporary tattooing) to Aras na Mac Leinn to collect money for the orphans and needy children around the world.

Does Religion Cause More Harm than Good? » *Kirwan Theatre Concourse* » 9th February 2012

Adnan Rashid from Islamic Education & Research Academy (iERA) debated with Michael Nugent under the title "Does Religion cause More Harm than Good?" This event was a joint venture of MYS with Lit & Deb Society of NUIG.

Committee 2011/2012

Event Co-ordinator : Azri Bohari

Vice-Auditor: Mustapha Al Hayani

Treasurer: Mazrin Shazlina Mohd Ghazali

Secretary: Aisyah Abd Razak

Public Relations Officer: Khalidah Mohd Zain

Event Co-Ordinator: Farah Rehan

Event Co-Ordinator: Amana Nazir

Publications Officer: Ferzana Nazir

Auditor: Shahid Hassim

C.S.I - MYS Representative: Bachir Benoudifa

liaison officer : Muhammad Tariq Haja Mohainuteen

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,336.78	Bank charge	€54.85
Members Contributions	€270.00	Dinner	€264.93
Sponsorship	€133.80	Entertainment	€185.00
USC Grant	€2,000.00	Fundraising/charity	€308.00
		Hall hire	€140.00
		Materials	€438.45
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€21.19
		Phone	€10.00
		Printing	€4.80
		Society transport	€470.00
		Socs day expenses	€34.00
		Speaker accommodation	€90.00
		Speaker travel	€200.00
		Stationary	€18.98
		Expenditure Total	€2,240.20
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,500.38
Total	€3,740.58	Total	€3,740.58

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 135 members.

ALIVE

Muslim Youth Soc

<u>Nor Aslam Haji Mohd Noor</u>	Active participants	16 hours
<u>Nik Nur Sarahana Hanafi</u>	Volunteer	25 hours
<u>Mustapha Al Hayani</u>	Auditor, Vice Auditor	240 hours
<u>Shahid Hassim</u>	Media Officer, Auditor	200 hours
<u>Khalidah Mohd Zain</u>	Public Relation Officer	250 hours
# ALIVE Students:	5 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	731 hours	

NOM Soc

At the beginning of this year we were mainly concerned with becoming an official society, and planning what the future of NOMsoc could hold. We were mostly busy with holding bake sales, in conjunction with charities and other societies.

NOM Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 2 events.

AGM » *The Art Room, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 18th October 2011

Join us your friendly Baking society to make plans for the year and fill some committee positions.

Valentine's Day Bakesale » *foyer Aras na mac Leinn* » 14th February 2012

We are holding a Bake Sale to raise money for Motor Neuron Disease, Ireland.

Committee 2011/2012

Treasurer: Rebecca Ryder

PRO: Paula Healy

Cook Book Co-Ordinator: Jane Rushe

Cook Book Co-Ordinator: Aine Stenson

Video Co-Ordinator: Shona O'Connor

Video Co-Ordinator: Lorna Holohan

OCM: Monika Jurkiewicz

OCM: Sinead Curran

Auditor: Emma Van Der Putten

Secretary: Gary Feehan

Cook Book Co-Ordinator: Michelle Abbott

Cook Book Co-Ordinator: Hannah Loughnane

Video Co-Ordinator: Ciara Treacy

Video Co-Ordinator: Louise Clarke

OCM: Mohammed Hamza

Vice-Auditor: Pamela O'Connor

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	239.71	Bank charge	€3.35
USC Grant	€500.00	Equipment misc	€112.30
		Socs day expenses	€94.54
		Expenditure Total	€210.19
		Closing Bank Balance	€529.52
Total	€739.71	Total	€739.71

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 468 members.

Nothing Specific

This year the nothing specific society provided the fun and unusual events, that our society has become known for. This year we tried to host as many events as possible, hosting an event on the Thursday of every week, in first semester after September 22nd. We came up with and held a bunch of new events such as the spicy food feast and our 'conquering the world' internet chat events. As well as returning to old favorites like our cardboard battle and kidnapping lecturers for charity.

Second semester seen our first ever weekly event, cardboard armor workshops, in which we instructed those who came along in how to make cardboard armor for the big battle at the end of the year. This was in conjunction with our usual 'random event of the week and our short lived 'movie night'.

Nothing Specific Events

This year the society held a total of 8 events.

Spicy Food Feast » *The Hub* » 29th September 2011

The NSS will descend upon an unsuspecting Hub this Thursday. Bringing gifts of food and (soft) drinks to the Students of NUIG. This is no normal food function however, this is The NSS's first official event of the year, the food will be spicy, in some cases absurdly so, ranging from a mild curry, to insanity in chilli based death form. It's also the perfect time to meet the new committee and present us with any ideas.

Chat Roulette Night(afternoon) » *large acoustic room* » 20th October 2011 Take a break from lectures this Thursday to talk with interesting men and women from around the world... through the magic of the internet... AND BEYOND

Nothing Specific Society Chat Roulette Event » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 10th November 2011

The Nothing Specific Society is trying to take over the World. (it's the same thing we do every Thursday)

Spanish food fight » *large acoustic room* » 29th November 2011

La Tomatina is an annual giant food fight that engulfs an entire town. We want to visit this town, during that festival. If you would like to visit that town during this festival. come along and meet us at the large acoustic this Tuesday. The town is in Spain, it is amazing.

Monkey Dust (The best show no-one's ever heard of) » *The Space* » 1st December 2011

An animated show like no other, funny, edgy, angry and genius.

Happen by the Space in aras na mac leinn this thursday, if you want your world rocked to it's very core, by a tv show you didn't know existed.

Theatre Week Memes Installation » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 27th February – 29th February 2012 (3 individual events)

We have created a Memes installation to celebrate Theatre Week and the Dansoc Intersvarsity and intrigue you so call down and see it.

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Joseph Neary

Treasurer: Eoghan Page

Gunnery Sergeant: Daniel McCourt

Imperial Guard: Jeremy Sterling

Secretary: Laura Adams

Vice-Auditor: Sam Logan

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Eoghan Page

Secretary: Patrick Coyle

Vice-Auditor: Ross Lavelle

Public relations officer: Joseph Neary

Translator: Blue Hanley

Treasurer: Rebecca O'Connor

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	201.67	Bank charge	€50.50
USC Grant	€1,000.00	Dinner	€150.00
		Entertainment	€300.00
		Materials	€30.00
		Expenditure Total	€530.50
		Closing Bank Balance	€671.17
Total	€1,201.67	Total	€1,201.67

Other Information

We held 9 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 915 members.

ALIVE

Daniel McCourt	Ocm	30 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	30 hours	

Occupational Therapy

This year marked the birth of the Occupational Therapy Society in NUIG. Due to the societies infancy, a small number of events took place throughout the year. Such events included film nights depicting health related film subjects, first year guidance events as well as fundraisers including a coffee morning and the selling of bracelets. Unfortunately proposed training courses did not go ahead due to financial constraints of members however it is proposed that such training courses be proposed again next year in accordance with the society's constitution.

One main aim of the society was to bring other years of the discipline closer together as it had been felt that although the various years are situated in Aras Moyola, there was very little companionship amongst one another. As a result of the society it has been noted that a number of members have felt that they have more support with the course as a result of friendships formed due to the society.

One issue raised was that of occasional disorganisation. For now, the members of the committee are relating this to their lack of experience within societies and a committee setting. However, each member has felt that their experience has flourished and so too will the society in time.

Occupational Therapy Events

This year the society held a total of 11 events.

Meet and Greet - Movie Night! » ADL Room, Aras Moyola » 25th October 2011

OccSoc Presents... MEET AND GREET - MOVIE NIGHT! Tuesday 25th October @ 7:45pm - ADL Room, Aras Moyola

"What's Eating Gilbert Grape" starring a very young Leonardo DiCaprio and Johnny Depp. Dominos and popcorn will on hand.

Film Night! » ADL Room, Aras Moyola » 15th November 2011

Film Night!! This time we're looking at shutter island and mental illness, feel free to pop into the ADL room located in Aras Moyola, pizza shall be awaiting so you've something to look forward to after nerding it out in the library.. see you then!

1st Year Guidance in OT » Lecture Room 5, Aras Moyola » 21st November 2011 Are you a 1st year OT student pulling your hair out a little, stressed by upcoming exams and assignments? Fear not! There'll be a number of OccSoccer OT students from higher years on hand to give advice and guidance if needed! Just pop into lecture room 5 in Aras Moyola at 4pm and we'll gladly give a hand!

Fundraiser » Galway » 23rd November – 30th November 2011 (8 individual events)

As it is the season of giving, we've decided to make your Christmas shopping that little bit easier by offering you (very cute) friendship bracelets for 2euro. All proceeds go to The Alzheimers Society of Ireland here in Galway.

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Naomi Algeo

Vice-Auditor: Stephen Connaire

Public Relations Officer: Daniel McCourt

OCM: Hazel McCormack

OCM: Shauna Gilroy

Secretary: Laura Reilly

Treasurer: Caitriona O'Donnell

OCM: Marie Spillane

OCM: Rachel Knipe

OCM: Kate Brooks

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0.00	Bank charge	€23.35
SocsBox Till	€20.00	Dinner	€32.25
USC Grant	€500.00	Fundraising/charity	€97.16
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€6.00
		Expenditure Total	€158.76
		Closing Bank Balance	€361.24
Total	€520.00	Total	€520.00

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 80 members.

ALIVE

<u>Laura Reilly</u>	Secretary	50 hours
<u>Kate Brooks</u>	ordinary committee member	10 hours
<u>Hazel McCormack</u>	Committee member	23 hours
<u>Orla Daly</u>	Society Member and Supporter	10 hours
<u>Daniel McCourt</u>	P.R.O	45 hours
<u>Mairead Campbell</u>	Committee Member	10 hours
<u>Emma Shortall</u>	volunteer	10 hours
<u>Louise Crowe</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	10 hours
<u>Shauna Gilroy</u>	Society member	15 hours
<u>Naomi Algeo</u>	Auditor/Founder	155 hours
# ALIVE Students:	10 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	338 hours	

Orchestra Soc

The Orchestra Society this year has been adapting to newcomers, amalgamating with other musical societies, and spreading NUIG's good name in each town we visited during the academic year. Under the baton of our conductor Hugh Kelly we undertook an interesting programme of music for our musicians which now includes strings, wind and percussion.

Our first trip to Letterfrack in semester 1 is an annual break away, which serves to help the Orchestra members bond and facilitates a weekend of solid, uninterrupted rehearsal. The personelle at Kylemore Abbey (where we rehearse) were, as always, very kind and generous to us. It is our intention to return in semester 1 of the 2012 academic year.

Christmas saw our annual charity concert, held in The Cube of Aras na Mac Leinn. Semester 1 drew to a close with this wonderful concert and a considerable amount of money given to our chosen charity.

Semester 2 saw a whole new set of music, which was well chosen and exciting for the orchestra. The trip we took was to Boyle, in Roscommon, where we rehearsed and gave a concert. The calibre was such that we were invited back to Boyle for next year. We do not know what the plan is yet, but we were extremely gracious for the invitation.

The day after the Boyle concert saw another charity concert - 'Brick by Brick'. Spearheaded by Choral Soc, Rock Soc, and

Orchestra Soc, was a night of wonderful music, including a cover of Queen's 'Bohemian Rhapsody' by all 3 societies. Rolling 3 musical societies into one was not an easy task, and was met with some concern. However, any obstacle that was faced was overcome, and the resulting concert was pleasant and fulfilling.

Orchestra Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 27 events.

Weekly Practice » *Large Acoustic Room, Aras na Mac Leinn* Weekly practice » 26th September – 5th December 2011 and January – March (23 individual events) Weekly Practice

Christmas Concert » *the Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 30th November 2011

Join us for our end of term Christmas concert all welcome.

Trips to Boyle and Letterfrack» A weeken in Kylemore semester 1 and a concert in Boyle semester 2 (2 events)

Brick by Brick Concert wih Choral & Rock Soc.

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Katherine Walsh

Treasurer: Peter Berrill

Secretary: Elizabeth Brett

Librarian: Sorcha Cradock

Librarian 2: Caoimhe Newell

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,229.87	Affill/Mem fees	€4.63
Bank Charge	€4.89	Bank charge	€48.84
Muscailt	€100.00	Dinner	€200.00
SocsBox Till	€5.00	Entertainment	€50.00
Sponsorship	€100.00	Fundraising/charity	€900.00
Ticket Sales	€900.00	Hall hire	€200.00
USC Grant	€6,729.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€48.99
		Printing	€148.00
		Prizes	€1,600.00
		Scores	€198.43
		Society accommodation	€1,674.00
		Society transport	€460.00
		Sound	€150.00
		Speaker travel	€270.00
		Stationary	€20.00
		Teacher fees	€2,700.00
		Expenditure Total	€8,672.89
		Closing Bank Balance	€395.87
Total	€9,068.76	Total	€9,068.76

Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 195 members.

Organic Gardening Society

The Organic Gardening Society was set up in 2010 by a team of gardeners who were eager to learn about growing organic produce. It is situated at the rear of 12 Distillery Road and boasts five raised beds, two low beds and a greenhouse. Members of the Society learn how to grow their own vegetables in a sustainable and organic manner. There is a growing awareness and interest in this topic. Galway City Council are inundated with requests for plots in their new allotment scheme. Michelle Obama has developed an organic vegetable garden in the grounds of the White House. We welcome members of the wider public to participate in the garden and we try to spread awareness of the benefits of sustainable organic gardening through talks and demonstrations. Cait Curran, editor of Organic Matters magazine, mentors us as we develop the garden more every year. This is the first Organic Garden to be set up in an Irish University campus and we hope that everyone who is interested in the environment and sustainable, good food or just curious about how to grow vegetables will get involved.

This year, we have met in the Garden once or twice a week to sow seeds, till soil, clear weeds, harvest veg, chat and have a good time! We have also taken part in Green Week, hosting talks and showing a documentary.

Organic Gardening Society Events

This year the society held a total of 44 events.

Organic Gardening Soc EGM » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 19th September 2011

Electing new committee members and making plans for the new college year.

Weekly Garden Meet Up » *Organic Garden, Distillery Road (behind security office)* » 20th September – 4th October 2011 (3 individual events)

Come down to NUI Galway's Organic Garden to sow seeds, till soil, clear weeds, harvest veg, chat and have a good time!

Weekly Garden Meet Up » *Organic Garden, Distillery Road (behind security office)* » 3rd October – 5th December 2011 (10 individual events)

Come down to NUI Galway's Organic Garden to sow seeds, till soil, clear weeds, harvest veg, chat and have a good time!

Herbalist Talk » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na Mac leinn* » 11th October 2011

Talk by Medical Herbalist Karin Wieland. All welcome. Moved from the garden due to the weather.

Weekly Garden Meet Up » *Organic Garden, Distillery Road (behind security office)* » 18th October – 6th December 2011 (8 individual events)

Come down to NUI Galway's Organic Garden to sow seeds, till soil, clear weeds, harvest veg, chat and have a good time!

Soup Day in the Garden » *Organic Garden, Distillery Road (behind security office)* » 25th October 2011

Providing tasty and warming leek and carrot soup from the last of the harvest.

Meeting » *College Bar* » 12th January 2012

We'll be discussing all that we want to do in the garden and now is your time to give your input. What would you like to see in the garden this year?

Weekly Garden Meet Up » *Organic Garden, Distillery Road (behind security office)* » 17th January – 7th February 2012 (4 individual events)

Come down to NUI Galway's Organic Garden to sow seeds, till soil, clear weeds, harvest veg, chat and have a good time!

Tree Planting Ceremony with Ecology Soc » *Beside the new Engineering Building* » 13th February 2012

A small number of fruit trees will be planted beside the river and near the new Engineering Building. As part of this, Laura O'Connor will be giving a talk.

Talk with Laura O'Connor » *Large Acoustic Room, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 14th February 2012

General gardening talk about growing herbs and planting a window box.

Documentary Showing » *The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 14th February 2012

We'll be showing a BBC documentary called A Farm for the Future.

Talk with Cait Curran » *Organic Garden, Distillery Road (behind security office)* » 15th February 2012

Cait Curran, editor of Organic Matters magazine, will be giving a talk on Organic Gardening with a Q&A. This would be a great event to attend if you just can't find the answer to that gardening question that's been bugging you!

Weekly Garden Meet Up » *Organic Garden, Distillery Road (behind security office)* » 21st February – 24th April 2012 (10 individual events)

Come down to NUI Galway's Organic Garden to sow seeds, till soil, clear weeds, harvest veg, chat and have a good time!

Organic Gardening AGM » *The Hub, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 2nd April 2012

The time has come to elect a new committee for the Organic Gardening Society and have a little party to celebrate the end of the year, yay! Most positions will be open for next year, so if anyone is interested, either turn up to the AGM or email here for more details. The AGM will be held on Monday 2nd April at 8pm in The Hub, after which we will be retiring to The Bar for a PARTY!!

Committee 2011/2012

Vice-Auditor: Colm O'Dwyer

Auditor: Paul Lyons

Treasurer: Sally Swanton

Secretary: Fiona Gillespie

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	387.63	Affil/Mem fees	€75.00
Classes	€75.00	Bank charge	€36.23
USC Grant	€1,000.00	Materials	€186.07
		Speaker travel	€50.00
		Teacher fees	€575.00
		Expenditure Total	€922.30
		Closing Bank Balance	€540.33
Total	€1,462.63	Total	€1,462.63

Other Information

We held 18 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 121 members.

ALIVE

Sally Swanton	Treasurer	17 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	17 hours	

Palestine Solidarity Soc

The issue of Palestine has been an unresolved matter for many years now. We at the Palestine Solidarity Society want to share the experiences of these plighted people with you, in a way that will encourage debate and spur people on in an effort to raise awareness of the unspoken atrocities.

Activities include:

- Films and documentaries of the perpetual struggle.
- Discussion and debate with intellectuals in the area as well as those personally affected will be held to encourage understanding.
- Joint initiatives with other societies to show all aspects of Palestine; culturally, academically and historically.

Palestine Solidarity Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 2 events.

Inaugural meeting of the Palestine Solidarity Society » *meeting room 1 (upstairs in Aras Na MacLeinn)* » 23rd September 2011

This meeting will be a general one in which election of committee members and issues will be discussed and what we as a group want for the coming year, and a small get to know each other chat as well!

Palestine Solidarity Soc Meeting » *small acoustic room Aras na mac leinn » 18th October 2011*

General meeting, including planning upcoming events. Please come along if you would like to get actively involved, would like to meet the group, just want to discuss Palestine or learn about it!

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Hassan Elsafty

Vice-Auditor: Kate O'Sullivan

Secretary: Crystal Plotner

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	111.56	Bank charge	€2.74
USC Grant	€500.00		
		Expenditure Total	€2.74
		Closing Bank Balance	€608.82
Total	€611.56	Total	€611.56

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 95 members.

Philosophy Soc

The re-establishment of the Philosophy Society was instigated by Tony Monks and enthusiastically carried out by the committee elected at the EGM in September. Socs Day saw a large number of new members signed up to the plans that tony had drawn up for the years events. The plans contained varied philosophical events with films fortnightly, inter-spaced by discussions, debates and other events.

Films shown during the year were: The Matrix Blade Runner, The Life of Brian, The Ishter Waltz with Bashir and Never Let Me Go.

Discussions were held on a wide variety of topics: Freedom of Expressions; Speciesism; Moral Dilemmas and Genetics, with a full debate on Assisted Suicide in Semester two.

The highlight of the year was the very ambitious Dramatic Reading of Plato's Republic for 6 hours which was supported with members from Dramasoc and Classics soc. Over 20 people took part in preparations and reading. The audience took part in discussions about Hierarchy, civil rights, justice in the state, happiness, wealth and poverty . during breaks after selected key arguments. Afterwards we celebrated with a toga party in the bar. Money was raised for COPE.

Philosophy Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 53 events.

Lecture: 'Objectivity in Aesthetic and Artistic Judgment - A Unified Field' by Prof Paul Crowther »

seminar room - Philosophy dept. Distillery Road » 19th September 2011

Professor Paul Crowther will present a paper:

'Objectivity in Aesthetic and Artistic Judgment - A Unified Field'

As part of the seminar series in Philosophy on Monday 19th September, Time: 4 pm

Venue: Seminar room of the Philosophy Department, 19 Distillery Road

Philosophy Soc EGM » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn » 22nd September 2011*

Philosophy Soc EGM

Election of new committee

Plans and proposals for year

Seminar: Descartes, Pelagianism and the Sceptical Life » seminar room - Philosophy dept. Distillery Road » 3rd October 2011

Dr Felix Murchadha will present a paper:

Descartes, Pelagianism and the Sceptical Life

Time: 4 pm Venue: Seminar room of the Philosophy department, 19 Distillery Road

Philosophical Principles of Buddhism » small Accoustic Room, Aras Na MacLeinn » 6th October 2011

Tony Monks, auditor of Philosophy Society presents the Philosophical Principles of Buddhism, with round table discussion looking at relevance of principles in modern life.

EGM » small Accoustic Room, Aras Na MacLeinn » 6th October 2011

To elect the Vice Auditor and the Treasurer

Freedom of Speech Philosophical Discussion » The Hub » 12th October 2011

Does everyone have the right to have their say? In a non-tyrannical society, we usually agree, but what about someone who is trying to create tyranny. Do we have the right to stop everyone or anyone from undermining egalitarian freedom? These questions and similar up for discussion. Bring your point of view, argue it and listen to others.

Seminar: Biodiversity and the Question of Value » seminar room - Philosophy dept. Distillery Road » 17th October 2011

Lucy Bingham-McAndrew, will present a paper:

'Biodiversity and the question of value'

Monday, 17th October. Venue: Seminar room of the Philosophy Department, 19 Distillery Road Time: 4 pm

Philosophical Films - The Matrix » Aras Ui Chathail » 19th October 2011

In association with Film Soc, we present The Matrix (1999), first film in a trilogy presents us with the question - what do we really know?

Moral Dilemma's Workshop » small Accoustic Room, Aras Na MacLeinn » 26th October 2011

When we are not sure about what the right thing to do is, we have a situation where we are faced with two possibilities, each depending on us, we are faced with a moral dilemma. The peer led workshop will provide an experiential opportunity of discovering how to respond when faced with such a situation.

Film: Blade Runner - exploring what it means to be human » Aras Ui Chathail » 2nd November 2011

Philosophy Soc present Blade Runner, a classic sci-fi film that explores what it means to be human.

Philosophy Soc Meeting » seminar room - Philosophy dept. Distillery Road » 2nd November 2011

Organising events for the Philosophy Soc, future discussion, debates, trips away etc

Seminar: Emergence of Consciousness in Hegel » seminar room - Philosophy dept. Distillery Road » 7th November 2011

Discussion Debate: Speciesism » seminar room - Philosophy dept. Distillery Road » 9th November 2011

Seminar: Heidegger: At the Heart of Reason » seminar room - Philosophy dept. Distillery Road » 14th November 2011

Max Schaefer will present a paper:

?At the Heart of Reason: Heidegger, The French Appropriation, and Beyond?

Time: 4 pm

Special lecture: Plato by Dr. Bremer » IT 125 » 15th November 2011

A visiting lecturer, Dr. Bremer will be giving a special lecture on Plato to 2nd Year. All are welcome to attend - highly recommended.

Trip to Trinity College Debate on Assisted Suicide » TCD Debating Hall » 17th November – 18th November 2011 (2 individual events)

TCD Philosophical Society is hosting a debate on the motion that "This House Would Facilitate Assisted Suicide for All Adults" on Thursday 17th November at 7.30pm Proposers include Dr. Philip Nitschke and Sir Terry Pratchett.

Meeting outside Aras na Macleinn at 2.30pm to go to New Coach Station where we will travel by Citylink to Dublin.

Film: Blade Runner - directors cut » seminar room - Philosophy dept. Distillery Road » 23rd November 2011

Philosophy Soc present Blade Runner, a classic sci-fi film that explores what it means to be human.

Seminar: Dr. Aengus Daly- "The phenomenology of time" » seminar room - Philosophy dept. Distillery Road » 28th November 2011

Dr. Aengus Daly will present a paper, "The phenomenology of time in Augustine and Heidegger"

Xmas Party - fancy dress » college bar » 30th November 2011

Dress up is at 7pm in the seminar room in the philosophy building and then party in the college bar.

Meeting and Welcome Back Party » School of Philosophy followed by College Bar » 11th January 2012

Society meeting to plan semester's events followed by party in the College Bar - Free drink for members!

Philosophy Seminar » Seminar room - Philosophy dept. Distillery Road » 16th January 2012

Mark Ryan will present a paper, 'Heidegger, Technology, and Sustainability?', as part of the departmental seminar series.

Film night - The Meaning of Life (Monty Python) » TBC » 18th January 2012

Showing of The Meaning of Life with discussion of the philosophical issues raised.

E.G.M. » *No suggestions found* » 18th January 2012

EGM to elect Vice Auditor and Treasurer

Film: Waltz with Bashir » McMunn » 25th January 2012

Guest Lecture » *Seminar Room - Philosophy dept. Distillery Road* » 30th January 2012

Professor Ayhan Sol (Middle East Technical University, Ankara) will present a paper, 'A Naturalistic Approach to Science and its Ethics as Community Affairs', as part of the seminar series in Philosophy and Erasmus teaching exchange between the Philosophy disciplines at NUI, Galway and METU

Debate: Assisted Suicide Should be Legalised in Ireland » McMunn Theatre » 1st February 2012

The Philosophy Society is holding a debate on Assisted Suicide. Everyone welcome!

Audition for Performed Reading of Plato's Republic » *meeting room 1* » 7th February 2012 This year, Philosophy Soc, Classics Soc and Dramsoc are teaming up for a dramatic reading of Plato's The Republic! The reading will take place on Monday, 27th during Theatre Week! We are going to read it from start to finish - a 12 hour event! Come along to our first meeting, on Tuesday 7th of February at 7:30 to 9:00pm and Thursday 9th February at 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Meeting Rooms upstairs in ArasMacLeinn.

Comedy Club in Roisin Dubh » *Roisin Dubh* » 8th February 2012

Philosophy is a very serious business, so we're off to the Comedy Club in the Roisin Dubh for fun, frivolity and something else beginning with 'f', any suggestions mail them to philosophy@socs.nuigalway.ie if you get the right answer, you win a prize. Tickets are €5 available from the SocsBox. We'll be walking over from the College bar at 9, see you here or there.

Audition for Performed Reading of Plato's Republic » *meeting room 1* » 9th February 2012

Philosophy Seminar » *Seminar Room - Philosophy Dept. Distillery Road* » 13th February 2012

Dr. Miles Kennedy will present a paper, "Concrete Metaphysics in Practice and Theory", as part of the seminar series in Philosophy

Audition/Rehearsal for Dramatic Reading of Plato's Republic » *The Stage, ArasMacLeinn* » 16th February 2012

Audition/Rehearsal for people who have signed up to the dramatic reading and people who are interested but have not yet signed up

Film: 'Encounters at the End of the World' by Werner Herzog » McMunn Theatre » 22nd February 2012

'Encounters at the End of the World' by Werner Herzog. McMunn Theatre tonight at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Audition/Rehearsal for Dramatic Reading of Plato's Republic » *The Stage ArasMacLeinn* » 22nd February 2012

Final rehearsal - audition for Dramatic Reading of Plato's Republic on 27th Feb, a 12 hour dramatic reading. Readers and helpers wanted.

Free food on the day. Have you always wanted to be on stage, without having to learn lines? - this is that chance. Come and take part.

The Underlying Role of Translation: A Discussion of Walter Benjamin's 'Kinship' » *Seminar room,*

Philosophy Department, 19 Distillery Road » 27th February 2012 Veronica O'Neill will present a paper, 'The Underlying Role of Translation: A Discussion of Walter Benjamin's 'Kinship'', as part of the seminar series in Philosophy on Monday, 27th February 2012.

Plato's Republic » *The View, Aras na mac Léinn* » 27th February 2012

Plato's Republic a philosophical discussion of justice written over 2,000 years ago is brought to life by Philosophy Soc, Drama Soc and Classics Soc. Key excerpts will be presented throughout the day with breaks for free food and dialogue. Hierarchy, civil rights, justice in the state, happiness, wealth and poverty are some of the ideas that are involved.

Followed by a Toga Party in the College Bar.

Documentary Film: Encounters at the End of the World » McMunn Theatre » 29th February 2012

Encounters at the End of the World' by Werner Herzog.

Just about anywhere Werner Herzog goes becomes an interesting place, in part because the director shapes it with his distinctively sardonic eye. In Encounters at the End of the World, the 'Zog heads off to Antarctica, finding there a population of unusual people, hallucinatory underwater life, and penguins.

Society meeting » *seminar room - Philosophy dept. Distillery Road* » 29th February 2012

Meeting of the Philosophy Society - All Welcome

Organizing the final activities for this semester.

Religion, Science and the Platypus - Some Perspectives on the Theory of Science from a (Church)

Historian's Point of View » *Seminar room of the Philosophy Department, 19 Distillery Road* » 5th March 2012

Dr. Thomas Jürgasch, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, will present a paper:

"Religion, Science and the Platypus - Some Perspectives on the Theory of Science from a (Church) Historian's Point of View".

Bowling » *Leisureworld, Headford Road* » 6th March 2012 Bowling for fun

Meeting at McMunn theatre at 7:30. Please register by Tuesday afternoon with the SocsBox and come for the fun

'The principle of responsibility, types of economies and childhood' » *Seminar Room - Philosophy dept. Distillery Road* » 12th March 2012 Audrey Cahill will present a paper: 'The principle of responsibility, types of economies and childhood', as part of

the seminar series in Philosophy. All Welcome

Film: The Ister » *Joseph Larmor theatre - concourse* » 13th March 2012

The Ister is a 3000km journey to the heart of Europe, from the mouth of the Danube river on the Black Sea, to its source in the German Black Forest. Hailed by Scott Foundas of Variety as "a philosophical feast?at which it is possible to gorge oneself yet leave feeling elated,? the film is based on the work of one of the most influential and controversial philosophers of the 20th century, Martin Heidegger.

Committee meeting » *seminar room - Philosophy dept. Distillery Road* » 14th March 2012

What it says on the tin - organise - all welcome

Film: Never Let Me Go » *McMunn Theatre* » 14th March 2012

A special screening of 'Never Let Me Go' - The film of the book by Kazuo Ishiguro used in the First Year Practical Ethics course

Genetics: Debate/Discussion » *McMunn Theatre, Concourse* » 21st March 2012

"Human genetic selection and modification will create a better safer world" 2 speakers and discussion, this is not a competitive debate, its aim is to explore Genetics, it's possibilities, dangers and advantages.

Followed by more discussion in the bar afterwards...

A.G.M. » *Philosophy Seminar Room, School of Philosophy.* » 21st March 2012

We are celebrating the most successful year for the Philosophy Society in many years with an AGM.

weekly meeting » *seminar room - Philosophy dept. Distillery Road* » 29th September 2011 weekly organisational meeting

Committee Meeting » *seminar room - Philosophy dept. Distillery Road* » 9th November 2011 weekly organisational meeting

Committee Meeting » *seminar room - Philosophy dept. Distillery Road* » 16th November 2011 weekly organisational meeting

Beyond Dualism conference - Rotterdam » *Rotterdam, Holland* » 17th April – 20th April 2012 (4 individual events) The

Erasmus University in Rotterdam has organised an international Philosophy conference entitled 'Beyond Dualism'. It covers a broad area

"Matter ? mind, soul ? body, inner ? outer, culture ? nature, rationalism ? empiricism, singularity ? plurality, subject ? object, the individual ? the social". This is open to all members.

Committee 2011/2012

Vice-Auditor: Katherine McCormick

Auditor: Tony Monks

Secretary: Barbara Preston

Ordinary: Naoise McDonagh

Ordinary: Mark James

Ordinary Committee Memembr: Megan Talty

Treasurer: Micheal Duffy

PR: Maciej Andrzejewski

Film Organiser: Joshua Byrne

Entertainment Co-Ordinator: Aoife Fitzpatrick

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Barbara Preston

Vice-Auditor: Katherine McCormick

Secretary: Megan Talty

PRO: Micheal Duffy

Events Co-ordinator: Aoife Fitzpatrick

OCM: Joshua Byrne

OCM: Maciej Andrzejewski

OCM: Paul Nevin

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	17.40	Bank charge	€3.08
Fundraising	€58.16	Dinner	€81.00
Ticket Sales	€76.50	Equipment misc	€8.99
USC Grant	€1,000.00	Materials	€30.00
		Printing	€50.00
		Society transport	€373.00
		Expenditure Total	€546.07
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€10.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€605.99
Total	€1,152.06	Total	€1,152.06

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 289 members.

ALIVE

<u>Tony Monks</u>	AUDITOR	120 hours
<u>Barbara Preston</u>	Secretary	30 hours
<u>Natalie Tesch</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	10 hours
<u>Elizabeth Kamundia</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Katherine McCormick</u>	Vice Auditor	10 hours
# ALIVE Students:	5 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	180 hours	

Photography Soc

PhotoSoc is for anyone who has any interest in Photography and wants to improve their photography skills or develop new ones. PhotoSoc has a brand new darkroom and has a few cameras for members to use. Cameras are not needed but HIGHLY recommended! There will be professionals in certain fields and aspects of photography coming in throughout the year to teach their skills to everyone.

Photography Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 44 events.

Welcome to PhotoSoc! » *ac201 » 20th September 2011*

Our first meeting will be next Tuesday 20th @ 7pm in AC201 (classroom in the middle of the main concourse).

...followed by free finger food in the College Bar.

"Corporate Photography" by Neil Warner » *AC201 (middle of concourse) » 27th September 2011*

PhotoSoc are delighted to welcome multi-award winning photographer Neil Warner who is coming in to give a talk about Corporate Photography.

Neil has been Irish Professional Photographer of the Year in 1997, 1999 and 2000. He will share with us the techniques he uses to capture his stunning shots and give some practical advice on how to become a successful corporate photographer.

Galway City Photowalk » *Eyre Square Fountain » 1st October 2011*

Mark Grealish has extended an invitation to the society to take part in a Photo Walk he is leading on Saturday 1st Oct @ 2pm, meeting at the fountain in Eyre Square.

"Basic Photography Skills" with Dermot Roche » *AC201 (middle of concourse) » 4th October 2011*

Photographer Dermot Roche will be coming in to go through the basics of photography. Dermot will cover aperture, shutter speed and ISO and show how they interact to effect the photos you capture.

We will be venturing away from Auto mode and trying out the different modes and settings to achieve different effects.

The Darkroom and Film Development » *AC201 (middle of the concourse) » 11th October 2011*

Our equipment officer and experienced film photographer Carsten Wolff will be giving us a talk on the darkroom and film development.

Carsten will go through the stages involved in developing your own film and the equipment required.

In the weeks following this talk we will be starting beginner darkroom classes in our very own darkroom in Aras na Mac Leinn!

Music & Live Event Photography by Darius Ivan » *AC201 (middle of the concourse) » 18th October 2011*

Darius Ivan from DivMedia will be coming in to share with us his tips and techniques for music and live event photography. You may have come across Darius' work after getting tagged in a Monroe's Live photo!

Night Photography - Long Exposures » *AC201 » 25th October 2011*

A quick class on doing long exposure night photography. Then out with our cameras and tripods around campus to take some photos as well as light streams of traffic passing through the city!

Digital Archiving - Organising and Storing your Photos » *AC201 (Middle of the Concourse) » 1st November 2011*

Mark Grealish will be coming to Galway to give us a talk on "Digital Archiving" - organising and storing your photos.

Darkroom Classes are continuing - see emails for details!

Make your own Camera! » AC201 (middle of the concourse) » 8th November 2011

This is the first of a two part workshop. For the first part we'll be looking at the different option for making your own camera from everyday materials and looking through some working examples. We'll be going through how to build your own camera and the following week as can bring our partially or fully complete cameras in to finish their construction and ask any questions!

Music Photography Exhibition » Aras na Mac Leinn - Foyer » 14th November – 18th November 2011 (5 individual events)

For Music Week 2011, Photo Soc members are displaying an exhibition of their music related photography throughout the week. Call in and browse the photos if you've a gap between lectures!

Introduction to Photography » Larmor Theatre (concourse) » 17th January 2012

This week's talk will be going back to the fundamentals of photography and switching off Auto for all the new members and a refresher for others.

Photographing Water Drops » Larmor Theatre, middle of Concourse » 23rd January 2012

Learn how to take photos of water drops. You've seen them, now learn how to capture them!

BARCELONA TRIP » Barcelona, Spain » 26th January – 29th January 2012 (4 individual events)

We'll be flying out from Dublin on Thurs 26th January and back on Sunday 29th January. So we'll have all day Friday and Saturday to browse the city with our cameras!

Tickets: eur100 (bring passport)

FOCUS 2012 - Official Opening » Aras na Mac Leinn » 6th February 2012

Art Soc's 'Derelict' exhibition and our 'Focus2012' exhibition will be officially opened by artist Sin?ad Aldridge. There will be live music and refreshments - all very welcome and bring friends

FOCUS 2012 - Photo Exhibition » Aras na Mac Leinn » 6th February – 10th February 2012 (5 individual events)

The NUIG Photographic Society will be exhibiting their work throughout M?scailt. The annual Focus exhibition showcases the diverse range of photographic styles and interests of the members. If you have some free time during the week, drop in to browse the fine collection of photographs on display.

Beginner Photography Tutorial » AC201 (Concourse) » 13th February 2012

Joe will be going over Shutter Speed, Aperture and ISO. Learn what each setting does and how they interact to achieve different effects and exposures. The tutorial will include Aperture and Shutter priority camera modes as well as manual mode. Bring your cameras!

Advanced Photography Tutorial » D'Arcy Thompson Theatre » 13th February 2012

Denis is giving a talk on advanced Photography. How to use Metering, Exposure Control, White Balance. Autofocus vs Manual Focus, Auto Exposure and Autofocus Lock and how to apply them all in real world situations. Bring your Camera/s and Tripod if you have one.

"Astrophotography" with Dr. Ray Butler » D'Arcy Thompson Theatre (concourse) » 20th February 2012

This Monday, Dr. Ray Butler from NUIG's Centre for Astronomy will be giving the first of a two part talk on "Astrophotography". Due to demand there will be two darkroom classes on this week - see society email for details.

"Astrophotography" (Pt 2) with Dr. Ray Butler » D'Arcy Thompson Theatre (concourse) » 27th February 2012

This Monday, Dr. Ray Butler from NUIG's Centre for Astronomy will be giving the second of a two part talk on "Astrophotography".

Nature & Macro Photography » D'Arcy Thompson » 5th March 2012

This Monday Michael Carrol will be coming to Galway to give us a class on nature and macro photography. The talk will be "more of a 'Show and Tell' about what works for me with some technical info and pointers and normally include a tethered Live View Shoot demo".

See Michael's photos here: www.carmike.eu

Black & White Photographic Printing » D'Arcy Thompson Theatre » 12th March 2012

This week we'll be having a video presentation on the art of Black & White Photographic Printing.

We will have all the photo prints from the FOCUS 2012 exhibition there on the night - if you emailed in a photo for the exhibition do come and collect the prints!

Ron Rosenstock - Landscape Photographer » Larmor Theatre (concourse) » 20th March 2012

Next Tuesday (not Monday) we are very lucky to welcome renowned landscape photographer Ron Rosenstock to NUIG to give a talk! He has published many very successful photo books and gives landscape photography courses all around the world. This is a talk not to be missed!

Aran Islands Trip » Inishmore, Aran Islands » 23rd March – 25th March 2012 (3 individual events)

Tickets go on sale from Fri 9 March for our Photo Soc Trip to the Aran Islands (Inishmore)! We'll be leaving NUIG at 4.30pm on Friday 23rd March and returning to Galway on the Sunday night.

Tickets: 45.50eur, go on sale in the SocsBox from from Fri 9 March!

Tickets are limited to a max of 20 and are first come first served.

Landscape Photography Class and Photo Walk » Inishmore, Aran Islands » 24th March 2012

Landscape Photography practical class and photo walk on the beautiful Aran Islands! If you can't make the full Aran weekend trip you are very welcome to join for the class.

PhotoSoc AGM and After Party! » *D'Arcy Thomson Theatre & The Skeff* » 26th March 2012

Come join us as we elect our committee for 2012/13! After party in the Skeff with refreshments

Underwater Photography with Nigel Motyer » *IT250* » 20th April 2012

This Friday PhotoSoc will host a talk from Nigel Motyer, an excellent underwater photographer who has his work published in National Geographic. It promises to be an extremely interesting talk, and we're expecting a large turnout from both the Photography and Diving community. With donations to Conquer Cancer on the night.

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Joe Hyland

Secretary: David McLaughlin

Equipment Officer: Carsten Wolff

Speaker Organiser: Denis Wettmann

Vice-Auditor: Caoimhin De Burca

PRO: Karen Flanagan

Treasurer: Paula Kelly

Webmaster: Kieran Durcan

Committee 2012/2013

Treasurer: Paula Kelly

Auditor: Denis Wettmann

Vice-Auditor: Kieran Durcan

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0.00	Bank charge	€93.04
Fundraising	€90.57	Dinner	€156.00
Members Contributions	€15.00	Entertainment	€170.00
SocsBox Till	€2,037.00	Equipment misc	€781.26
Ticket Sales	€217.17	Fundraising/charity	€90.57
USC Grant	€5,000.00	Materials	€129.12
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€193.90
		Printing	€249.14
		Reimbursed income/sales by society	€18.50
		Reception	€60.00
		Society accommodation	€1,262.20
		Society transport	€2,554.78
		SocsBox Till Refund Manual	€45.50
		Speaker accommodation	€9.59
		Speaker travel	€50.00
		Teacher fees	€150.00
		Expenditure Total	€6,013.60
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,346.14
Total	€7,359.74	Total	€7,359.74

Other Information

We held 42 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 539 members.

ALIVE

<u>Karen Flanagan</u>	P.R.O.	10 hours
<u>Paula Kelly</u>	Treasurer	30 hours
<u>Joe Hyland</u>	Auditor	120 hours
<u>Kieran Durcan</u>	Webmaster	30 hours
<u>David McLaughlin</u>	Secretary	30 hours
<u>Owen Kelly</u>	PRO	15 hours
<u>Owen Kelly</u>	PRO	15 hours
<u>Denis Wettmann</u>	Speaker Organizer & Guest Speaker	25 hours
<u>Carsten Wolff</u>	darkroom and equipment officer	26 hours
<u>Caoimhin De Burca</u>	Vice Auditor	57 hours
# ALIVE Students:	10 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	358 hours	

Physics Soc

The motto of our society is 'Inspiring young scientists'. We realise that there is much more to a University degree than just achieving good grades. We try to promote networking as we believe this is vital for any students future career. We want students to get as much exposure as possible to all their options available during and most importantly after their degree. On a small scale this is done by organising parties where first year, second year, third year, fourth year and PhD students mix and chat. We also organize guest lectures where students and staff can mix in a relaxed environment over some finger food. On a larger scale we organise international and national trips where students can see the cutting edge research that is taking place both abroad and here in Ireland along with meeting potential collaborators. As a society, we aim to promote science research on an international level, this was carried out by a donation of €1500 to the Irish Cancer Society specifically marked for research. We are predominately an undergraduate society but we have a good relationship with the PhD students, which is very important to us. In summary, we try to give members an insight into physics beyond the lecture hall.

Physics Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 42 events.

Guest Lecture » *Physics Department Room 220* » 18th October 2011

Professor Michel Destrade will give a talk entitled "The mechanics of skin". All welcome and refreshments will be provided!

Science Ball Tickets for Final Years on Sale » *Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer* » 20th October 2011

Tickets on sale for 4th year students available. Tickets for all other students on sale Tuesday 25th October.

Prof. Chris Dainty guest lecture. » *Physics department, room 220* » 25th October 2011

Professor Chris Dainty is the Head of the NUI Galway Applied Optics group. He is a very well respected physicist worldwide and currently holds the position of President of the Optical Society of American and is the first non-American to achieve this position. His lecture will be entitled "Simple physics for better vision". Not to be missed!!

Science Ball Ticket Sales » *Orbsen Building Foyer.* » 25th October 2011

The Science Ball is Back!! Full tickets 60 euro and afters tickets are only 25 euro! Big generator and DJ Byrno will be teaming up again! Full tickets include champagne reception, meal, band and DJ. Afters tickets include pre-party in college bar, bus, band and DJ.

Science Ball Ticket Sales » *Soc's Box.* » 1st November – 9th November 2011 (9 individual events)

Guest Lecture » *Physics Department Room 220* » 15th November 2011

Leon Harding will give a guest lecture to the Physics Soc on his research topics. All welcome and refreshments will be provided!

Physics Soc Party » *College Bar* » 15th September – 16th September 2011 (2 individual events)

Join Physics Soc for its first party of the year which is taking place on Socs Day! Open to all members of the society and there will be plenty of offers available! All welcome!

Games Night » *Room 220, Physics Department* » 27th September 2011

The Physics Society will be holding a games night in room 220. All welcome and refreshments provided.

Documentary » *Room 220, Physics Department* » *4th October 2011*

We will be showing the documentary "6 billion dollar experiment" in Room 220, Physics department at 7pm. All are welcome and refreshments will be provided!

Science Ball » *Galway Bay Hotel* » *9th November – 10th November 2011 (2 individual events)*

FULL:

Champagne reception in the hotel with entertainment provided by the trad soc and fire performers! Four course meal with complimentary wine. Band - Big Generator at 10.30 pm! DJ Byrno until 2.00am!

AFTERS:

-Exclusive pre-party in the College Bar! -Bus to the Hotel -Band and DJ as above!

Trip to Textor Fusion Reactor » *Brussels, Belgium* » *5th January – 10th January 2012 (6 individual events)*

Brussels was the location of the annual Physics Society trip. This year we visited the state of art TEXTOR fusion reactor. The trip was organised with Dr. Dirk Van Eester who arranged lectures and tours of the facility.

"The Hawking Paradox - BBC Horizon" » *Room 220, Physics Department.* » *24th January 2012*

A documentary on famous Physicist Stephen Hawkings.

"The Big Bang Theory" double episode and Pizza!! » *Room 220 Physics Department* » *31st January 2012*

Join Physics Soc for a double episode of the popular comedy series "The Big bang theory". Pizza will be served followed by refreshments in the college bar afterwards!

"Unlocking the Pulsar Paradigm" » *Room 220 Physics Department.* » *7th February 2012*

Join Physics Soc for a talk on "Unlocking the Pulsar Paradigm" given by Phd student Ronan Rochford. He will be speaking about the new code being developed at the Computational Astrophysics Lab here in the college and its initial test applications to the plasma distribution in the vicinity of a rapidly rotating neutron stars.

Guest Speaker and 3D tour. » *Room 220, Physics Department* » *14th February 2012*

Dr. Andrew Shearer will be giving a talk about his research on Pulsars this Tuesday at 7pm in Room 220, Physics Department. All are welcome! The talk will be followed by a 3-D tour of the Universe using the Centre for Astronomy's state of the art 3-D visualization suite. Places are limited for this and it lasts roughly 45 minutes.

The Modelling of Drug Delivery » *Room 220, Physics Department.* » *21st February 2012*

Dr. Martin Meere will be giving a guest talk this Tuesday at 7pm on the 'Modeling of Drug Delivery'. Dr Meere's research interest is in the broad area of Applied Mathematics with particular emphasis on the science of diffusion.

CV Workshop » *Room Eng 2001, New Engineering Building* » *27th February 2012*

The organisers of the NUIG Energy Night are hosting two C.V. workshops this coming Monday, the 27th of February, as part of our annual Energy Night. The workshop will be run by a senior member of one of Ireland's leading graduate recruiters. It is a valuable opportunity to have your C.V. analysed and get expert advice on what a top quality C.V. should be.

Session 1: Undergrads (2 - 3:30pm) Session 2: Postgrads (4:30 - 6pm)

How to see an Exoplanet » *Room 220, Physics Department* » *28th February 2012*

Dr. Nicholas Devaney will give a talk on the subject of 'How to see an Exoplanet?'. Dr. Devaney's background is in Astronomical Imaging with high spatial resolution, mostly involving Adaptive Optics and Image Processing.

Carrying out successful Physics labs » *Room 220, Physics Department* » *1st March 2012*

Dr. Oliver Ryan will be giving a general talk on carrying out successful labs.

IOP Intervarsity Quiz » *DIT, Dublin* » *3rd March 2012*

The Physics Society sent a team of five to represent NUI Galway in the annual IOP quiz which took place in Dublin.

NUIG Energy Night » *Bailey Allen Hall.* » *6th March 2012*

NUIG Energy Night 2012: Organised by Chemistry, Physics & Energy Socs. Industry and Career Fair with Research Showcase from 2 - 5p.m Panel Discussion from 6 p.m

What did it come from-A brief history of the Department of Physics in UCG? by Dr, Tom O'Connor »

Room 220, Physics Department » *13th March 2012*

The talk will look briefly at the progress of Physics from the beginning in QCG until the change in name towards the end of the 1990s, It will look at the premises it occupied, the staff and the research efforts which came and went but laid the foundation of our greatly expanded activities of today.

Networking Workshop » *ENG 2001* » *13th March 2012*

The organisers of the NUIG Energy Night are hosting a networking workshop. There is a rep coming down from KPMG to run it so it should be just as beneficial as the cv workshop was.

Tyndall National Institute » *UCC Cork.* » *23rd March – 24th March 2012 (2 individual events)*

The Physics Society is visiting the Tyndall National Institute in Cork for a guided tour by Dr. Jim Greer. The Tyndall National Institute is one of Europe's leading research centers. Email physicsnuig@gmail.com for more details.

Physics Soc End of Year Party » *The Skeff* » 29th March – 30th March 2012 (2 individual events)

Join Physics Soc for their end of year party this Thursday in The Skeff! There will be a late bar with a DJ playing until 2am and finger food will be provided! Everyone is welcome and it will be a good chance to meet students from all years interested in Physics!

Committee 2011/2012

Secretary: Adam Beatty

Treasurer: Emma McMahon

OCM: Barry Flannery

OCM: Cahal Duffy

Auditor: Mark Coughlan

Vice-Auditor: Kenneth Hanley

OCM: Damien Kilgannon

OCM: Deirdre Ni Chonchubhair

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	4,204.84	Affill/Mem fees	€200.00
Balls	€278.60	Ball	€10,960.75
Members Contributions	€1,160.00	Bank charge	€70.06
SocsBox Till	€4,910.00	Entertainment	€900.00
Ticket Sales	€12,880.00	Fundraising/charity	€1,700.00
USC Grant	€3,100.00	Hire Bus	€750.00
		Materials	€65.79
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€85.00
		Phone	€90.00
		Printing	€660.00
		Prizes	€450.00
		Society accommodation	€2,872.00
		Society transport	€2,316.01
		SocsBox Till Refund	€25.00
		SocsBox Till Refund Manual	€25.00
		Socs day expenses	€400.00
		Teacher fees	€250.00
		Expenditure Total	€21,819.61
		Closing Bank Balance	€4,713.83
Total	€26,533.44	Total	€26,533.44

Other Information

We held 24 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 451 members.

ALIVE

<u>Deirdre Ni Chonchubhair</u>	OCM	74 hours
<u>Barry Flannery</u>	Committee Member, NUIG Energy Night Industry and Career Fair Organizer	60 hours
<u>Mark Coughlan</u>	Auditor	300 hours
<u>Kenneth Hanley</u>	Vice Auditor	120 hours
<u>Damien Kilgannon</u>	OCM, Publicity Director and PR officer	126 hours
# ALIVE Students:	5 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	680 hours	

Poker

The NUIG Poker Soc is a friendly and relaxed society aiming to teach and improve students poker skills. We welcome all players of different levels from complete beginners to those who have a good understanding of the game. We usually have one game a week on Tuesday evenings in either The View room or The Space room in Aras Na MacLeinn at 18:30.

We run tournaments ranging from 5 euro rebuys to 10 euro and 20 euro freezeout tournaments. We also held the Irish Poker Inter-varsities this year in March with over 70 entrants from different colleges around Ireland including Dublin, Maynooth, Limerick and Galway. It was a very successful event with University of Limerick taking home first place.

Poker Events

This year the society held a total of 23 events.

Poker tournament » *The view in aras na mac leinn (beside the college bar) » 11th October 2011-March 19th (20 events)*

Play poker in a fun and friendly atmosphere in poker soc's weekly tournaments that take place every tuesday at half 6.

Poker tournament » *The View, Aras Na MacLeinn » 25th October 2011*

This weeks poker tournament is a 20 euro freezeout. Starting stack of 15 thousand. Beginners and advanced players are welcome. Come down for the craic and who knows you might win some money.

20e freezeout poker tournament » *The View, Aras na Macleinn » 22nd November 2011*

20euro freezeout tournament this week for poker soc, 15k starting stack with 15 minutes blinds, promises to be a good tournament.

Nuig Poker Championship, With added prize money » *The view, Aras Na MacLeinn » 27th March 2012*

The final Poker tournament of the season, and its a big one, all the league money is added to the prizepool. this is a tournament not to be missed.

Committee 2011/2012

Vice-Auditor: Sean Walsh

Treasurer: Aidan Walsh

Auditor: Diarmuid Lenehan

P.R officer: Patrick Hogan

Secretary: Bryan Dalton

O.C.M: Shane Gavin

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1.51	Bank charge	€97.08
SocsBox Till	€4,482.00	Prizes	€4,522.00
Ticket Sales	€120.00	Expenditure Total	€4,619.08
USC Grant	€500.00	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€484.43
Total	€5,103.51	Total	€5,103.51

Other Information

We held 2 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 459 members.

Polish Society

This year the Polish society provided Polish Language and Culture classes for people interested in learning about Poland and how to speak the language. We also held Polish themed events for all our members to interact and participate in the society.

Polish Society Events

This year the society held a total of 38 events.

Polish Soc AGM » *meeting room 1 (upstairs in Aras Na MacLeinn) » 12th October 2011*

AGM to decide what to meet everyone and vote committee members

Polish Language and Culture Class (Improvers) » *AM110 (Arts Millenium Building) » 27th October – 8th December 2011 (7 individual events)*

Polish Language Course for Improvers. Sign up by emailing polishsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie

Polish Language and Culture Class » *AM110 (Arts Millenium Building) » 27th October – 8th December 2011 (7 individual events)*

Polish Language Course for Beginners. All welcome. Sign up by emailing polishsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie

Mega Musical Munchie Monday-Food by Polish Soc » *Bailey Allen Hall » 14th November 2011*

Polish Soc will be providing tasty treats to help launch music Week: If music be the food of love...

Tickets are 2 euro. Come for the food, stay for the music =)

Animation Film Night » *McMunn Theatre Beside smokies » 23rd November 2011*

Animation Film Night

Polish Soc get Classy! » *Aula Maxima. » 30th November 2011*

The Dublin International Piano Competition Winner 2009 Alexej Gorlatch from Ukraine (Polands neighbour!) will be playing in the Aula Maxima. Let us know if you'd like to come along so we can book the tickets.

Santa Claus Day » *Santa Claus Day Party » 6th December 2011*

A suprise! Email us if you are interesting in coming and we will let you know.

polishsoc(at)socs.nuigalway.ie

Polish language course for beginners » *AM205 » 26th January – 29th March 2012 (10 individual events)*

Polish language course for beginners

Intermediate Polish language course » *AM205 » 2nd February – 29th March 2012 (9 individual events)*

Intermediate Polish language course

Committee 2011/2012

Treasurer: Oliver Grant

Auditor: Adam Kurzydowski

Vice-Auditor: Jolanta Karpinska

PRO: Dara Turnbull

Secretary: Leszek Majewski

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	87.49	Bank charge	€13.03
Members Contributions	€90.00	Dinner	€103.21
USC Grant	€2,400.00	Entertainment	€92.50
		Reception	€56.00
		Teacher fees	€671.00
		Expenditure Total	€935.74
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,641.75
Total	€2,577.49	Total	€2,577.49

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 56 members.

ALIVE

<u>Dara Turnbull</u>	P.R.O.	10 hours
<u>Jolanta Karpinska</u>	vice-auditor	200 hours
# ALIVE Students:	2 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	210 hours	

Political Discussion Soc

We had a quiet year. We hosted two events.

Political Discussion Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 2 events.

PDS Meeting » college bar » 3rd October 2011

The Political Discussion Society presents this once-off meeting in the College Bar! Basically a continuation of everything that happened last week, only now with cheesecake. If you came last week, you've no reason not come along this time, and if you missed us last week - well, you're even more welcome to join us! Lively discussion and event-planning promised for all. And cheesecake.

What Has Your TD Done for YOU? - 240 Days Later » O'Flaherty Theatre » 7th November 2011

240 days after the general election, what has your TD done for you? In association with the Literary and Debating Society, the Political Discussion Society allows you this opportunity to meet your parliamentary representation and find out what they've been up to since the election, what political life is like, and if they've really set out to achieve everything they promised.

The event will be hosted by Dr Niall O Dochartaigh of the School of Political Science and Sociology, lecturer in International Relations and Irish politics.

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: James Greaney

Vice-Auditor: Paul O'Connor

Treasurer: Aishling Clancy

Secretary: Seagh MacSiurdain

Public Relations Officer: Larkin Stephens

Ordinary Committee Member: Mark Kelly

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	2,450.25	Bank charge	€22.39
		Printing	€2,300.00
		Expenditure Total	€2,322.39
		Closing Bank Balance	€127.86
Total	€2,450.25	Total	€2,450.25

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 304 members.

Postgraduate Research Soc

The purpose of our society is to bring together postgrad research students as a community. This year was a quiet year. We hosted one charity event.

Postgraduate Research Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 1 event.

Table Quiz » *college bar* » 23rd March 2012

The Postgraduate Research Soc are hosting a table quiz with proceeds going to charity in the college bar on Friday 23rd March. Tables of 4 - €20 entry fee. Spot prizes to be won. Come with your general knowledge caps firmly in place!

Committee 2011/2012

Treasurer: Sinead Keogh

Vice-Auditor: Gillian Salerno

Auditor: Santosh Maharana

Secretary: Patricia Carney

Postgrad Officer: Richeal Burns

Sports Officer: Ewa Caputa

Public Relations Officer: Katya McDonagh

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	353.67	Bank charge	€26.09
Bank Charge	€3.52	Dinner	€30.00
Fundraising	€299.80	Fundraising/charity	€120.00
		Prizes	€103.50
		Expenditure Total	€279.59
		Closing Bank Balance	€377.40
Total	€656.99	Total	€656.99

Other Information

We held 2 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 113 members.

Potter Soc (new Society)

PotterSoc is a small, new society dedicated to providing a way for Harry Potter fans to meet and make friends.

We hold a diverse range of events, some purely social like the speed dating event or the sorting ceremony, and some charity events like the Quidditch games. We mainly try to bring to life the magical world of Harry Potter through every event

Potter Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

Sorting Ceremony » *Bank of Ireland Theatre* » 6th February 2012

We'll be sorting members into their houses :)

Potter Speed Dating and Look Alike Competition » *The Cube* » 14th February 2012

An evening to get to know everyone, dress up as your favourite characters and have a laugh :)

A Very Potter Musical Showing » *The Space* » 21st February 2012 A movie showing of the musical version of Harry Potter.

AGM » *Meeting Room 2, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 22nd March 2012 Election of next year's committee and voting on topics.

Guest Lecturer - talk on Harry Potter and a Divination class » *Large Acoustic Room » 20th March 2012*

We are proud to announce that next week, NUIG's very own Potter lecturer, Maria Pilar Alderete Diez, will be joining us, to give a talk on Harry Potter and also, a very special Divination class!!

Quidditch Registration » *The View » 26th March 2012* Explanation of rules and organisation of Teams

Charity Quidditch Match » *The President's Lawn » 28th March 2012*

Charity Quidditch Match in Aid of Enable Ireland, followed by food in the Hub.

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Rebecca O'Connor

Vice-Auditor: Stephanie Reilly

Treasurer: Lisa Newell

Secretary: Aine Kilbane

Public Relations Officer: Michelle Moore Temple

OCM: Aoife Molloy

OCM: Cathy Gormley

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Rebecca O'Connor

Secretary: Aine Kilbane

Vice-Auditor: Stephanie Reilly

Public Relations Officer: Michelle Moore Temple

Technology Officer: Cathy Gormley

OCM (1): Aoife Molloy

OCM(2): Lisa Newell

Treasurer: Rozalia Kenderesi

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0.00	Bank charge	€27.54
Fundraising	€41.10	Dinner	€65.07
USC Grant	€250.00	Fundraising/charity	€41.10
		Materials	€16.10
		Expenditure Total	€149.81
		Closing Bank Balance	€141.29
Total	€291.10	Total	€291.10

Other Information

We held 9 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 320 members.

Presidents Award (Gaisce) Soc

The President's Award Society aims to help students and staff to attain their goals towards receiving the Bronze/Silver/Gold President's Award. The Presidents Award is the only state award of excellence available to most Irish people. This is in 4 steps, Community Involvement, Learning a new skill, Physical Activity, and an Adventure project. The society hopes to create well rounded people who are of benefit to business and as students/staff members of the college. The award is open to any and all people, regardless of any discriminating factor, except age where applicants for the award, although general non-award members are exempt, are between 15 and 25 years of age.

Presidents Award (Gaisce) Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 11 events.

Gaisce First Meeting » *AC214 » 19th September 2011*

Introduction to Gaisce and voting in of Committee. Pizza afterwards!

Gaisce Workshop » AC201 » 10th October 2011

A guest speaker from Gaisce headquarters will be giving more in depth details about Gaisce and helping with some paperwork and questions along with some stories of previous Gaisce members.

GAISCE christmas quiz!!! » tbc » 17th November – 18th November 2011 (2 individual events)

Join us in celebrating the end of one term and, in the spirit of giving, be sponsoring St Vincent de Paul! ?5 entry per table (max of 5) and raffles and spotprizes not to be missed!! So gach duine- bain amach e!!(Provisional times-pending confirmation)

Morocco Trek Information Presentation » AC201 » 21st November 2011

Atlas Ascent are trekking through the Atlas Mountains in Morocco in aid of Childreach International and are looking for anyone else interested in joining. This presentation will give all information regarding the trip and answer any questions you may have. The trek will qualify for Gaisce applicants as their Adventure Journey but is open to non-Gaisce applicants as well. Refreshments to follow. All welcome.

Burren Adventure Journey Weekend » Burren Adventure Centre » 25th November – 27th November 2011 (3 individual events)

A bus leaving from the quad at 8:30 for a weekend of trekking across the visually stunning Burren.

Camino De Santiago de Compostela Talk » AC204 » 2nd February 2012

Information night about Gaisce's walk on the Camino this summer. Dates, route and more to be discussed, hoep to see you there.

ALIVE to the rescue: Making the Community aspect of your Gaisce award a piece of cake! » the Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn » 22nd February 2012

Table Quiz » College Bar » 8th March 2012

Table Quiz in aid of Ability West, ?100 and more to be won, a great night for a great cause. ?5 per person, ?20 for a table of 4.

Committee 2011/2012

Secretary: Ciara Flannery

Public Relations Officer: Catherine Ryan

Silver PAL: Aileen Riney

Vice-Auditor: Valerie McKay

Gold PAL: Mary Gavaghan

Webmaster: Colum Rose

Auditor: Billy Stewart

Bronze PAL: Shane Broderick

Treasurer: Eimear O'C

Events Manager: Michael Crampton

Silver PAL #2: Fiona Gillespie

Committee 2012/2013

Secretary: Ciara Flannery

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	143.53	Affill/Mem fees	€440.00
Bank Charge	€6.61	Bank charge	€26.53
Fundraising	€100.00	Prizes	€100.00
Members Contributions	€40.00	Reimbursed income/sales by society	€20.00
SocsBox Till	€715.00	Reception	€164.91
USC Grant	€1,700.00	Society accommodation	€240.00
		Society transport	€280.00
		SocsBox Till Refund	€26.00
		SocsBox Till Refund Manual	€115.00
		Speaker accommodation	€69.00
		Speaker travel	€315.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,796.44
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€908.70
Total	€2,705.14	Total	€2,705.14

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 344 members.

ALIVE

<u>Eimear O'C</u>	Treasurer	70 hours
<u>Michael Crampton</u>	Events Organiser	150 hours
<u>Ciara Flannery</u>	Secretary	70 hours
<u>Colum Rose</u>	Web Master	50 hours
<u>Valerie McKay</u>	Vice-Auditor	150 hours
<u>Aileen Riney</u>	Silver Award PAL	50 hours
<u>Billy Stewart</u>	Auditor	170 hours
<u>Catherine Ryan</u>	PRO	50 hours
<u>Eimear O'Callaghan</u>	Treasurer	108 hours
# ALIVE Students:	9 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	868 hours	

Psychological Society

The Psychological Society provides a service for psychology students and people interested in mental health issues by connecting them with academic events, charities, and information on future career paths. This year, the society organised a table quiz and movie night to raise awareness for mental health week, and organised a society trip to Amsterdam.

Psychological Society Events

This year the society held a total of 9 events.

Table Quiz- Mental Health Week » college bar » 10th October 2011

Entry to the quiz itself is FREE and will test your general knowledge of music, sports, tv etc.

Spot Prizes will be up for grabs along with FREE FINGER FOOD courtesy of College Bar, what more could you want?!

So get yourself a team of 4 and join us for a fun night! If you don't have a full team, come along and we can put teams together at the time!

Mental Health Week - Screening of Papillon » Aras Ui Cathail Lecture Theatre » 12th October 2011

Psych Soc are teaming up with Film Soc this Wednesday for a screening of Papillon followed by a discussion about Psychological Resilience.

PSI Annual Conference 2011 » Galway Bay Hotel » 10th November – 13th November 2011 (4 individual events)

This year's PSI Annual Conference will take place at the Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill, Co. Galway. Two pre-conference workshops will take place on Thursday 10th of November, with the full conference programme beginning on Friday 11th and running until Sunday 13th of November inclusive.

Psych Soc and ISS Party! » Fibber Magees » 14th November 2011

Wondering what it's like to study abroad, or studying here for the semester and want to meet some new people? This is your chance!

The International Student Society (ISS) and the Psychological Society are teaming up for an inter-society mixer. A great opportunity to meet new people and find out what it's like to study in different places with a variety of different people!

Psych Soc Presents EFPSA Day » IT202 » 15th November 2011

All across Europe on this day, EFPSA Day will be celebrated and we are delighted to be able to share it with you! EFPSA (European Federation of Psychology Students Associations) is a fantastic organisation dedicated to representing the needs and interests of psychology students throughout Europe.

Open evening for NUI Galway Clinical Psychology Programme » <http://www.nuigalway.ie/psy/directionstowoodquay.html> » 2nd February 2012

There will be an evening for prospective applicants to the NUI Galway Doctoral Programme in Clinical Psychology on Thursday the 2nd February 2012 at 7.30pm. The open evening will feature presentations from Programme Staff, Current and Former Trainees, and provides an opportunity for informal discussions with the Programme Team.

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Ruth Ni Bheolain

Treasurer: Muiris O'Connell

OCM: Fiona O'Donovan

International Officer: Jessica Killilea

International Officer: Meaghan Carmody

OCM: Michaela McAssey

OCM: Caroline Jennings

OCM: Martina Dwyer

OCM: Jonathan Dowling

OCM: Lynda Naughton

OCM: Orla O'Callaghan

Vice-Auditor: Owen Harney

Secretary: Ruth Howard

OCM: Anthony O'Connell

OCM: Ronan O'Keeffe

PRO: Martina Gannon

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	529.61	Bank charge	€30.77
Bank Charge	€9.63	Reimbursed income/sales by society	€300.00
Members Contributions	€520.00	Society accommodation	€2,499.00
SocsBox Till	€2,900.00	Society transport	€4,127.47
USC Grant	€3,000.00		
		Expenditure Total	€6,957.24
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€2.00
Total	€6,959.24	Total	€6,959.24

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 438 members.

ALIVE

<u>Lynda Naughton</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Ruth Howard</u>	Secretary	20 hours
<u>Ruth Ni Bheolain</u>	Auditor	70 hours
<u>Jessica Killilea</u>	International Officer	25 hours
<u>Martina Gannon</u>	Public Relations Officer	12 hours
<u>Caroline Jennings</u>	PRO	20 hours
<u>Orla O'Callaghan</u>	OCM	10 hours
<u>Anthony O'Connell</u>	Committee Member	25 hours
<u>Michaela McAssey</u>	General committee member	15 hours
<u>Muiris O'Connell</u>	Treasurer	50 hours
# ALIVE Students:	10 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	257 hours	

PyroSoc (new Society)

PyroSoc is a society who wants to help other societies to promote their event that they may wish to hold. This is done by meeting the society in question to discuss what they have in mind and then to give them some ideas on how best to hold such events. Also, from time to time we try stage our own events to give our members hands on experience in a range of areas that the organizing of an event has to offer.

PyroSoc Events

This year the society held a total of 2 event.

A.G.M » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 24th January 2012

Annual General Meeting. All members encouraged to attend and new members are very welcome.

Spring Break » *College Bar* » March 21st 2012

Party time has landed and we are delighted to present SPRING BREAK 2012 to you all in association with CANCER CARE WEST. Guys, there is loads going on on the night including KEYWEST, BYRNO, DJSOC, and much much more to follow so keep tuned in to f/bl...with only a limited amount of tickets going on sale TUESDAY 6th MARCH in the SocsBox don't leave it too late because guys trust me when I say... YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS!!!!

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Damien Fannon

Secretary: Rachel Geraghty

Treasurer: Timothy Feeney

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0.00	Bank charge	€3.57
Members Contributions	€898.08	Costumes	€15.00
SocsBox Till	€280.00	Dinner	€135.88
USC Grant	€1,000.00	Entertainment	€738.00
		Hoodies	€161.20
		Returned Socs Money	€1,124.43
		Expenditure Total	€2,178.08
		Closing Bank Balance	€0.00
Total	€2,178.08	Total	€2,178.08

Other Information

We held 7 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 168 members.

ALIVE

<u>Rachel Geraghty</u>	Secretary	20 hours
<u>Timothy Feeney</u>	Treasurer	100 hours
<u>Dami Adebari</u>	Liason officer	10 hours
<u>Damien Fannon</u>	Principal Organiser of Spring Break	140 hours
# ALIVE Students:	4 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	270 hours	

Quiz Soc

The members of Quiz Soc love quizzes!

After the society was dormant for the 2010/2011 academic year, a new committee was established to revive the society this year! The society has held 5 quizzes this year.

The first quiz was an informal one in the Hub that was just a way of introducing everyone to each other.

The second quiz was run in association with the NUIG Sub-Aqua Club. €260 was raised at the event which we saw as a successful start to the year.

As it took so long for the new committee to get used to running the society these were the only events in Semester 1 but we have been much more active in Semester 2.

On 20th of February Quiz Soc held a Harry Potter themed table quiz in the College Bar in association with Draiocht Soc. The event was hugely successful with almost 100 people in attendance. The quiz raised €450 for the charity

On 6th of March a general knowledge table quiz was held in aid of the NUIG Table Tennis Club who needed some much needed funding.

There are 2 more events planned before the end of the semester.

A general knowledge quiz in aid of AIDS West will be held on Tuesday 27th of March.

There was a 'Friends' themed Table Quiz held on April 10th. Quiz Soc attempted to contact a number of charities to hold the event in conjunction with, but none responded. We therefore decided on free admission for the quiz. It was another success with about 70 people present.

Our final event of the year was a quiz in aid of ChemSoc held on April 17th. ChemSoc handled the money but somewhere in the region of 300 Euro was raised for the society.

Quiz Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

Quiz Society AGM » *The Hub* » *12th October 2011*

The Quiz Society will be having it's AGM in The Hub to elect a new committee and to plan our quizzes and other events for the upcoming year. Hope to see you all there!

Sub-Aqua Club Table Quiz » *College Bar* » *21st November 2011*

The Sub-Aqua Club, in association with Quiz Soc, are holding a general knowledge table quiz in the College Bar at 7pm on Monday 21st of November. Entry to the quiz is €5 per person, or €20 for a table of 4! Lots of fun is promised (as well as finger food) so please come along!

Harry Potter Table Quiz » *College Bar* » *20th February*

Quiz Soc in association with Draiocht Society are holding a Harry Potter themed table quiz in the College Bar on Monday February 20th at 8pm. 4 people to a team and just €5 per person. All proceeds go to the Draiocht Society. Plenty of prizes to be won on the night, including prizes for the top 3 winners and for the best Team Name. Hope to see you all there!

Table Quiz » *College Bar* » *6th March 2012*

Quiz Soc in association with the Table Tennis Club are having a table quiz in the College Bar at 8pm. As usual, plenty of prizes to be won! See you there!

Table Quiz » *College Bar* » *27th March 2012*

General Knowledge Table Quiz in the College Bar at 8pm. Its in aid of AIDS West which is a great cause!

Its €5 per person!

'Friends' Table Quiz » *College Bar* » *10th April 2012*

Quiz Soc are hosting a 'Friends' themed Table Quiz on Tuesday the 10th of April in the College Bar at 8pm.

There will of course be finger food and a cash prize of €100! Some other prizes to be won on the night too!

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Darren McDonagh

Vice-Auditor: Louisa Brophy Browne

Treasurer: Hannah Gibbons Coyle

Secretary: Katie O'Neill

Public Relations Officer: Rebecca Hastings

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Katie O'Neill

Vice-Auditor: Amy Burke

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	121.44	Bank charge	€5.48
USC Grant	€500.00	Prizes	€270.00
		Expenditure Total	€275.48
		Closing Bank Balance	€345.96
Total	€621.44	Total	€621.44

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 152 members.

RadioSoc

RadioSoc was brought back to life this year by an engaged and active committee as well as enthusiastic members who all shared a love for radio.

A primary focus early in the year was promoting involvement in student station Flirt FM. RadioSoc hosted a table on Socs Day and took part in encouraging involvement and interest in student radio. We also "held catch up" training outside of Flirt so that late comers could still take part. All in all Flirt recieved over 200 applications and ended up with the strongest schedule of new volunteers that has ever been seen.

With this taken care of our EGM was held in October to fill vacant committee positions, this coincided with the station schedule going full time so a launch party was held by RadioSoc to allow our members to get to know each other a little bit off the airwaves. It was at this time that RadioSoc struck up a deal with the College Bar for parties and we continued to make use of this partnership throughout the year, including at the end of the semester when we hosted a massive Christmas party for all members of the society and volunteers of the station.

Needless to say a good time was had by all!

January was a busy time for RadioSoc and soon after Flirt went full-time again we arranged committee meetings to plan the semester ahead. There was a once off Flirt FM training session held for people who missed out in semester 1 and also for visting students from abroad who may have just arrived.

It was also decided that we would team up with FilmSoc to bring a week of radio-themed movies to the good students of NUIG. This collaboration proved a huge success and bodes well for working together again in the future. The movies that we screened, "Good Morning Vietnam" and "The Boat That Rocked", were very well recieved and a large social event was organised by RadioSoc at the end of the week for radio and film lovers alike.

March has also been a busy time for RadioSoc as we are currently in the process of organising the "RadioSoc Spring Rave". This is a massive free event in the style of an end of year disco that is being held in the Cube on the 28th of March. A partnership has also been made with Carbon nightclub for the event.

RadioSoc Events

This year the society held a total of 8 events.

EGM / Launch Party » *Flirt FM studios and College Bar after* » 19th October 2011

RadioSoc are holding an EGM to fill vacant committee positions and discuss the year ahead, this is at 7.30 in the Flirt FM studios Aras na Mac Leinn. All are welcome to attend, and new members are encouraged to come along!

Afterwards at 8pm there will be the Flirt FM launch party celebrating the launch of the full time schedule.

Training catchup » *The Large Acoustic Room* » 2nd November 2011

Myself and others from the committee will be in the large acoustic room this Wednesday to do some catch up training to help you along the way and also to help others brush up on the basics. New people are most welcome.

RadioSoc Christmas Party » *Flirt FM/ College Bar* » 29th November 2011

Wine reception in the station at 7pm on Wednesday followed by pizza and drinks in the college bar afterwards at 8. There'll be pizza and a free drink for everyone and like last time you'll need to go to this link to get your drink added to your SU card.

Committee meeting and January training » *The View, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 17th January 2012

We're kicking off the semester with a committee meeting this Tuesday at 6 to plan out the next few weeks. Also, if you happen to be new to the society we're going to hold a beginners training session after to help introduce you to the world of radio. At this session we'll answer any questions you may have about volunteering, help you develop show ideas and give you a chance to meet other new volunteers. Bring your timetables, as we'll be scheduling the follow up desk and recording session on the night too, as each of these will be limited to eight attendees.

RadioSoc Film week; "Good Morning Vietnam » *D'arcy Thompson theatre* » 25th January 2012

RadioSoc have teamed up with FilmSoc this week to bring you two of the best radio-themed movies of all time, as well as a great party and night out. Wednesday at 8pm in the Darcy Thompson theatre we'll be showing the Robin Williams classic "Good Morning Vietnam", the story of an eccentric DJ in the Armed Forces Radio Service during the Vietnam war.

RadioSoc Film week; "The Boat That Rocked" » *Larmour Theatre* » 26th January 2012

RadioSoc teamed up with FilmSoc this week to bring you two of the best radio-themed movies of all time, as well as a great party and night out. Thursday will feature "The Boat That Rocked", the 2009 comedy featuring an all star cast with a stellar soundtrack about a pirate radio ship that operated off the British coast in the 60's. This will be shown at 7pm, in The Larmour Theatre.

After the movie we're all heading to Meeting Room 1 (at approx 9pm), upstairs in Aras Na Mac Leinn for a wine reception and get together before heading out for a night on the town.

Committee meeting » *Flirt FM* » 12th March 2012

This meeting is about discussing the upcoming end of year party being organised by myself (Darragh) and Rory our PRO.

This is going to be a huge event and is open to the entire university (not just RadioSoc and Flirt).

RadioSoc Spring Rave » *The Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 28th March 2012

RadioSoc presents, in association with Carbon nightclub and Flirt FM, the "Spring Rave". A selection of House, Electro, Hip Hop and Indie tunes rolled into one massive end of year party!

FREE EVENT Wine Reception, Party Food, Glowsticks, Runs 9pm – Midnight, The Cube, Aras na MacLeinn, NUIG

Committee 2011/2012

Secretary: Robin Allen

Vice-Auditor: Conor Lane

Auditor: Darragh O'Connor

Treasurer: Mark Kelly

OCM: Thomas O'Neill

Public Relations Officer: Rory Bowens

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	17.52	Bank charge	€10.97
Sponsorship	€735.00	Dinner	€137.72
USC Grant	€1,000.00	Equipment misc	€735.00
		Reception	€200.80
		Expenditure Total	€1,084.49
		Closing Bank Balance	€668.03
Total	€1,752.52	Total	€1,752.52

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 201 members.

ALIVE

Mark Kelly	Treasurer	60 hours
Christian Wallace	Disc Jockey	50 hours
Rebecca Coyne	Presenter	36 hours
Darragh O'Connor	Auditor	100 hours
Rory Bowens	P.R.O.	100 hours
# ALIVE Students:	5 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	346 hours	

Rock Soc

This year with RockSoc we wanted to establish the society early in the year.

We elected a larger committee, sharing out the tasks so it was not left to one person.

We also wanted to get involved in the organisation of Witless along with Music & Ents to try and re-establish the credibility of the event and provide a solid platform for student bands to perform and compete in the College Bar where all the craic is had.

This year we also reached out to the other societies including ChoralSoc, Orchestra, TradSoc, FilmSoc, JugglingSoc, Ents & Music, S|Tv, DjSoc and many more to put on bigger & better events. Witless won best event at the Society Awards.

Rock Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 40 events.

AGM » *meeting room 1 (upstairs in Aras Na MacLeinn) » 29th March – 30th March 2012 (2 individual events)*

E.G.M » *large acoustic room » 27th September 2011 Rock soc first egm*

Dead Horse Jive and Donal Gibbons » *Muddy Mahers, Woodquay » 28th September – 29th September 2011 (2 individual events)*

Rock soc Presents: Dead Horse Jive and Donal Gibbons in Muddy Mahers, free entry

Committee meeting » *small Acoustic Room, Aras Na MacLeinn » 5th October 2011*

Rock soc committee meeting

Rock Soc @ Carbon » *Carbon Nightclub » 11th October – 12th October 2011 (2 individual events)*

Rock Soc presents Galways newest Alternative Club night @ Carbon Nightclub. Doors 10:30 and Rock Soc members free in with tonights password.

Committee meeting » *meeting room 1 (upstairs in Aras Na MacLeinn) » 13th October 2011*

Committee meeting

Rock Soc @ Carbon » *Carbon Nightclub » 18th October 2011*

The Fellz in The Cellar » *the Cellar » 19th October – 20th October 2011 (2 individual events)*

Great rock music from The Fellz, downstairs in the cellar

Strange brew 450 » *Roisin Dubh » 20th October – 21st October 2011 (2 individual events)*

For almost nine years since its inception in the beloved Warwick in Salthill, Strange Brew has been a champion of the independent music scene, providing a starting point for many fledgling bands, whilst also acting as a safe haven for others.

Rock, Soc N Rolla » *Rock Soc @ Club Carbon » 25th October 2011*

Rock Soc's in association with Club Carbon present Galways premier alternative club night Rock, Soc N Rolla. The best music and deals in town for Rock Soc members with free admission all night and free refreshments for those who enter b4 12:30. Rock Soc and Carbon, keep the party going all night!!!

Skyboy/ Young Kodiaks in the Cellar » *The Cellar » 26th October – 27th October 2011 (2 individual events)*

Multi-society Halloween ball » *Monroe's » 27th October – 28th October 2011 (2 individual events)*

Multi societies Halloween ball

Race the flux underground sound » *Cellar » 2nd November 2011*

Rock, Soc N Rolla » *Club Carbon, 19 - 21 Eglinton Street » 8th November 2011*

This nachez » *cellar underground sound » 9th November – 10th November 2011 (2 individual events)*

Maverick Sabre » *Roisin Dubh » 11th November – 12th November 2011 (2 individual events)*

Maverick Sabre plays the Roisin Dubh this Friday. Tickets are 14 euro from SocsBox.

Rock Soc N Rolla » Club Carbon » 15th November 2011

Rock Soc N Rolla » Club Carbon 19 - 21 Eglinton Street » 22nd November 2011

Now that's what i call music quiz and music » Kellys bar » 24th November 2011

Waiting for Friday

Dead Horse Jive

3RD wheels

MUSIC QUIZ WITH PRIZES SUCH AS 100 BAR TAB:D

Townhouse NIGHTS, RED EYED ROLLERZ STRIDER » townhouse » 25th November – 26th No. 2011 (2 individual events)

Strider, Red eyed rollerz and Dj Danny V

Odd Socks Revival » college bar » 29th November 2011

Rock Soc proudly present Odd Socks Revival Live in the College bar on Tuesday the 29th of November. An incredible Live act that has stormed Electric Picnic, The Rory Gallagher Fest and Bugaloo London!!!

Tickets 5 @ the SocsBox or on the Door!!!

Rock Soc N Rolla » Club Carbon » 29th November 2011

Rock Soc's in association with Club Carbon present Galways premier alternative club night Rock, Soc N Rolla. The best music and deals in town for Rock Soc members with free admission all night and free refreshments for those who enter b4 12:30. Rock Soc and Carbon, keep the party going all night!!!

Witless » College bar » 17th January 2012

Rock Soc and Music & Ents Soc present the Witless Band Competitions with heats and grand final on Feb 7th. Full details at link below.

witless » college bar » 24th January 2012

Rock Soc and Music & Ents Soc present the Witless Band Competitions with heats and grand final on Feb 7th. Full details at link below.

witless » college bar » 31st January 2012

Rock Soc and Music & Ents Soc present the Witless Band Competitions with heats and grand final on Feb 7th. Full details at link below.

Jamnesty » roisin Dubh » 28th February 2012

Witless Showcase » college bar » 28th February 2012

Showcase of bands who have won witless over the years

Mael Mordha » Kellys bar » 12th March 2012

Rock soc Presents: Mael Mordha, Dublin's most famous doom metal band come to visit us for Seachtain na Gaeilge. Entry 5 euro or 2 euro with an NUIG student ID. With support from NUIG'S own metalheads PURGE =

Rock N Rolla » Carbon » 13th March 2012

Rock Soc members go free to Carbon with a Rock Soc stamp!!!! Best Music & Best Deals in town every Tuesday!!

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Graham Keane

Vice-Auditor: Michael Joyce

Event PRO: Donal Gibbons

Event PRO: Eoin Browne

Momma Rock Soc: Jane Hanberry

OCM: Michael Sherry

Supreme Being: Thor McVeigh

Secretary: Michelle Rock

Treasurer: Nathan Cantwell

Event PRO: Fiachra Temple

Security Manager: Enda Scanlon

OCM: Peter Gallagher

OCM: Ciaran Egan

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Michael Joyce

Treasurer: Nathan Cantwell

Webmaster: Darren Martyn

Online PRO: Alan Callery

Poster Design : Conor Keville

OCM: Jane Hanberry

OCM/Stage Crew: Vincent Hughes

Organisation Balance Sheet

Vice-Auditor: Thor McVeigh

Secretary: Michelle Rock

Events Officer: Colm Rogers

Society Development Officer: Graham Keane

Poster Design: Michael Sherry

OCM/Stage Crew: Yvonne Kiely

OCM/Stage Crew: Feithin O'Fatharta

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0.00	Bank charge	€34.95
Fundraising	€150.00	Entertainment	€1,035.00
SocsBox Till	€119.00	Equipment misc	€30.00
Ticket Sales	€240.00	Promotions	€45.00
USC Grant	€1,300.00	Reception	€150.00
		Society transport	€18.55
		Sound	€120.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,433.50
		Closing Bank Balance	€375.50
Total	€1,809.00	Total	€1,809.00

Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 499 members.

ALIVE

<u>Graham Keane</u>	Auditor	200 hours
<u>Nathan Cantwell</u>	Treasurer	120 hours
<u>Darren Martyn</u>	Web/media guy	50 hours
<u>Michael Joyce</u>	Vice-auditor	350 hours
<u>Kieran Durcan</u>	Photographer	20 hours
<u>Thor McVeigh</u>	OCM/ Event Manager	350 hours
<u>Jane Hanberry</u>	OCM	150 hours
# ALIVE Students:	7 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	1240 hours	

Rotaract Soc

Our main event this year was the Fashion Show.

Rotaract Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 1 event.

Socs in the City Fashion Show » Radisson Blu Hotel » 17th November 2011

Annual Fashion Show in aid of cope Galway. This year's theme is edgy rock. The 42 male and female models will be joined by Georgia Salpa and fellow model, TV personality, and former NUI Galway student Daniella Moyles. The event will commence with entertainment from NUI Galway student Laura and well-known band The Supernovas will take to the stage during the interval. Tickets form the SocsBox. 25euro, 15euro for students, 10euro for after party in the live lounge.

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Aine Cooke

Vice-Auditor: Catherine Lowe

Treasurer: Deirdre Kirwan

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	751.83	Bank charge	€26.74
Fundraising	€12,109.30	Fundraising/charity	€2,677.40
SocsBox Till	€1,985.00	Hall hire	€2,100.00
Sponsorship	€200.00	Lights	€4,476.98
USC Grant	€2,600.00	Printing	€590.00
		Promotions	€40.00
		Reception	€326.60
		Security	€360.00
		SocsBox Till Refund	€420.00
		Sound	€800.00
		Speaker accommodation	€233.95
		Speaker travel	€1,900.00
		Expenditure Total	€13,951.67
		Closing Bank Balance	€3,694.46
Total	€17,646.13	Total	€17,646.13

Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 310 members.

ALIVE

<u>Chloe Thornton</u>	Charity Officer	40 hours
<u>Annette Murray</u>	auditor assistant	40 hours
<u>Mary Breen</u>	Volunteer helping with fundraising events	85 hours
<u>Aine Cooke</u>	Auditor	200 hours
<u>Catherine Connaughton</u>	Member	20 hours
# ALIVE Students:	5 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	385 hours	

Rover Soc

For those already involved in Scouts, or for those who want to learn more about it in a relaxed, fun way; this is the place for you! If you're looking for mountaineering, kayaking, quizzes, film nights or just a place to meet like-minded people, then make sure to sign up!

Rover Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

How to survive on a desert island » meeting room 2 Aras Na Macleoin » 4th October 2011

Every want to know how to survive in the middle of the Pacific with nothing but a volley ball and a small island with at least one palm tree and Come along and all will be revealed.

'127 Hours' film showing » Aras ui Cathail Lecture Theatre » 11th October 2011

Joint event with Film Soc.

A mountain climber becomes trapped under a boulder while canyoneering alone near Moab, Utah and resorts to desperate measures in order to survive.

Mind over Matter - Extreme Climate Resilience » meeting room 1 (upstairs in Aras Na MacLeinn) » 11th October 2011

As part of Mental Health Week - an informative talk on what drives us to keep battling on in daunting circumstances and in terrible weather.

How to survive a zombie apocalypse » aras na mac leinn - The Stage » 17th January 2012

Do you know what to do when the worst happens and you need to defend humanity's existence in a zombie-ridden world?

If not, come along and find out!

Scavenger Hunt » aras na mac leinn » 7th February 2012

Come along and try our epic scavenger hunt around campus!

Tell your friends, and maybe even win some prizes!

Part of the Muscaillt festival.

Session with Mountaineering Club » kingfisher » 24th January 2012

Mountaineering Club have kindly agreed to give some members a beginner's training session. Numbers are limited, please email roversoc@socs.nuigalway.ie to book your place.

Showing of 'Into the Wild' » Aras Ui Cathail » 14th February 2012

Joint event with Film Soc.

Into the Wild is based on a true story about an American student who leaves college to explore the Alaskan wilderness. It's directed by Sean Penn and promises to be a good night for anyone looking for something more laid back.

Please note: Although admirable, Rover Soc does not condone dropping out of college to explore the back-end of Ireland.

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Sean Mooney

Vice-Auditor: Patricia McFadden

Treasurer: Laetitia Trentesaux

Secretary: Claire Finnegan

Ordinary Committee Member (1): Grace
Burke

Ordinary Committee Member (2): Catherine
Ziemann

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0.00	Bank charge	€5.93
Members Contributions	€23.00	Dinner	€35.00
USC Grant	€500.00	Printing	€23.00
		Prizes	€50.00
		Expenditure Total	€113.93
		Closing Bank Balance	€409.07
Total	€523.00	Total	€523.00

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 121 members.

ALIVE

Sean Mooney	Auditor	47 hours
Claire Finnegan	PRO	35 hours
Patricia McFadden	Secretary	10 hours
# ALIVE Students:	3 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	92 hours	

Sinn Fein Soc

The long-term aim of our society are to establish a thirty-two county democratic socialist republic. However, issues of primary importance to us include: workers rights; the environment; the promotion of socialist policies; an end to sectarianism and racism in Ireland; decent housing for the people; education; and the promotion of the Irish language (An Ghaeilge).

Sinn Fein Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 33 events.

Sinn Fein Soc: Weekly Meeting » AC214 (Right at BOI on Concourse) » 11th October 2011

Canvass! Stocaireacht! » Gaillimh » 24th October 2011

There will be no weekly Sinn Féin Soc meeting this week due to the fact that we are in the middle of an election campaign and instead members are asked to help in a Martin McGuinness canvass on Tuesday evening as it is the last night available to promote Martin McGuinness for the Presidency. We will be in touch with more details soon! Beidh tuilleadh eolais n?os d?ana?! :)

Cruinniú na Seachtaine - Weekly Meeting » AC214 » 1st November – 29th November 2011 (5 individual events)

Our weekly meeting is held in AC214 at 7pm every Tuesday Bionn cruinnithe seachtaini?la againn in AC214 ag a 7i.n. gach M?irt

Republican Youth Weekend in County Tyrone! » 11th November – 13th November 2011 (3 individual events)

This Republican Youth weekend trip has organised by ?gra Shinn Féin - the youth wing of Sinn Féin - and will be held in the village and surrounding areas of Coalisland, Co. Tyrone. The few days will involve a republican tour of East Tyrone, an International Update on struggles for independence across the world, talks on internment and the hungerstrikes, a social function agus go leor nios mo!

DVD: Some Mother's Son » meeting room 1 (upstairs in Aras na MacLeinn) » 17th January 2012

Film showing 'Some Mother's Son' in Meeting Room 1. Beidh 'Some Mother's Son' Mairt seo chugainn ag a 7.30in i Seomra Cruinnithe 1

Cuinniú Seachtainiúil - Weekly Meeting (New Location!) » AM205 » 31st January – 3rd April 2012 (10 individual events)

Sinn Fein Socs weekly meeting takes place every Tuesday at 7pm to 8pm in AM205 (Arts Millenium Building).

Bionn cruinnithe seachtainiúla de chuid Chumann Shinn Fein ar siúl gach Mairt ag a 7in in AM205 (Aras Milaoise)

Sinn Fein Soc AGM » AM205 » 28th February 2012

The AGM of Sinn Fein Soc will take place with the aim of electing a committee for the academic year 2012-13.

Reachtalfar CGB de chuid Chumann Sinn Fein in OEG De Mairt ag a 7i.n. i seomra AM205 (thuas staighre in Aras Milaoise na nDan). Ta se d'aidhm againn coiste a thogha don bhliain acaduil 2012-13.

An Ghaeilge agus An Ghaeltacht - Fagtha ar Lar » AC201 » 12th March 2012

Ceard e go baileach ba choir do rialtas na hEireann a dheanamh ar mhaitheas na Gaeltachta no ar mhaitheas na Gaeilge sa tir seo? Pleifear an t-abhar seo ag diospoireacht ata a eagra ag Sinn Fein in OE Gaillimh. Labhroidh an Cmhlr. Seosamh O Cuaig ar chursai Gaeltachta, Meadhbh Ni Eadhra ar Na Meain Ghaeilge 's an tionchar a bhionn aici ar labhairt/usaíd na Gaeilge agus labhroidh an tSeanadoir Trevor O Clochartaigh ar pholasaithe Shinn Fein o thaobh na Gaeilge agus na Gaeltacht. Bigi linn leis na morcheisteanna seo a phle le linn Seachtain na Gaeilge!

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Conor Stitt

Treasurer: Mairead Ni Fhearghail

Vice-Auditor: Frankie Gallagher

Secretary: Luke Callinan

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	402.88	Bank charge	€85.28
Bank Charge	€2.97	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€72.80
Fundraising	€136.67	Printing	€46.06
USC Grant	€500.00	Society accommodation	€150.00
		Society transport	€124.00
		Expenditure Total	€478.14
		Closing Bank Balance	€564.38
Total	€1,042.52	Total	€1,042.52

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 128 members.

Slainte Sociey

Sláinte was established as an affiliate of the IFMSA (International Federation of Medical Students' Societies) a few years ago, with an aim to promote both physical and mental health, and to do so based on co-operation between all health science students, as well as other NUIG students with an interest in health promotion. Our biggest event is the Teddy bear hospital with over 40 volunteers working with the 1300 children who attended.

Slainte Soc. Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

Blood Donation Clinic » *bailey allen hall » 4th October – 5th October 2011*

Open to students staff and the general public. More info on the Slainte Soc facebook page and giveblood.ie

Slainte Soc AGM » *AC 203 » 26th October 2011*

Slainte Soc is holding their AGM, electing a new committee and planning for the year ahead. Hope you can make it!

The 50 Cent Clinic » *The Hub, Aras na Mac Leinn » 2nd November 2011*

Come to The 50 Cent Clinic and get your BMI and blood pressure measured for 50 cent. Proceeds will go towards a chosen charity.

Teddy Bear Hospital » *Bailey Allen Hall, Aras na Mac Leinn » 2nd November 2011 26th – 27th January 2012*

Over 1,300 sick teddy bears will receive emergency treatment at the annual Teddy Bear Hospital The teddies will be accompanied by their minders, 1,300 primary school children.

Committee 2011/2012

Webmaster: Bryan Reidy

OCM: Mohammed Hamza

Auditor: Hanin Hamza

Secretary: Laura Piggott

PR Team Member: Charlene Deane

OCM: Joseph Conway

PR Team Member: Anne-marie Sweeney

Artistic Director: Lisa Kelly

Gaeltacht Liaison: Sinead Lally

Treasurer: Emma Donnellan

Vice-Auditor: Sinead Coen

PR Team Member: Áine O'Meara

OCM: Jennifer Haugh

PR Team Member: Miriam Wynne

PR Team Member: Niall Bergin

PR Team Member: Kyle Taheny

Artistic Director: Sean Brennan

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0.32	Bank charge	€10.11
Fundraising	€195.02	Entertainment	€652.40
Sponsorship	€450.00	Hoodies	€650.00
USC Grant	€1,500.00	Materials	€159.45
		Printing	€20.00
		Socs day expenses	€50.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,541.96
		Closing Bank Balance	€603.38
Total	€2,145.34	Total	€2,145.34

Other Information

We held 14 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 232 members.

ALIVE

<u>Ciara Ni Fhatharta</u>	Teddy Bear Hospital	10 hours
<u>Joseph Conway</u>	Committee member	40 hours
<u>Laura Piggott</u>	Secretary	45 hours
<u>Katie St John</u>	volunteer	10 hours
<u>Hope Murphy O'Connor</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Max Javaherian</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Carl Byrne</u>	Volunteer (Teddy Bear Hospital)	10 hours
<u>Gerard Browne</u>	Teddy Bear Hospital - Volunteer	12 hours
<u>Charlene Deane</u>	PR officer	45 hours
<u>Lisa Flynn</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>David Gorey</u>	Teddy Bear Doctor	10 hours
<u>Caoimhe O'Sullivan</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Jennifer Haugh</u>	Committee Member	20 hours
<u>Maura Shields</u>	volunteer	10 hours
<u>Sean Mooney</u>	Entertainment	10 hours
<u>Sarah Carolan</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Sarah Faughey</u>	Volunteer Doctor, Teddy Bear Hospital	10 hours
<u>Louise Curtis</u>	volunteer at the Teddy bear hospital	10 hours
<u>Emma Donnellan</u>	Treasurer	55 hours
<u>Mohammed Hamza</u>	OCM	50 hours
<u>Aislinn Hanahoe</u>	Teddy Bear Hospital Volunteer	15 hours
<u>Niamh O'Connor-Byrne</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Xaira Rivera Gutierrez</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Lua Rahmani</u>	Volunteer	18 hours
<u>Miriam Wynne</u>	PR Committee Member	40 hours
<u>Alison Coneys</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Hanin Hamza</u>	Auditor	105 hours
<u>Samuel Fanous</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Anne-marie Sweeney</u>	PR Committee Member	30 hours
<u>Rebecca Sweeney</u>	Volunteer(Teddy Bear Hospital)	10 hours
<u>Monica Parmar</u>	Teddy Bear Hospital - Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Sinead Coen</u>	Vice-Auditor	96 hours
<u>Omar Mansour</u>	Volunteer/photographer	10 hours
<u>Laura Reynolds</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Kyle Taheny</u>	Volunteer	18 hours
<u>Tomas O'Flatharta</u>	Volunteer teddy bear hospital	10 hours
<u>Sean Brennan</u>	Volunteer	35 hours
<u>James Keevans</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Vincent Griffith</u>	volunteer	10 hours
<u>Louise Fahy</u>	Volunteer, Artist	20 hours
<u>Lisa Kelly</u>	Volunteer, Artistic Director.	35 hours
<u>Matthew Sheridan</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Pollyanna Joyce</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Mico Mozo</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Mico Mozo</u>	Volunteer	10 hours

ALIVE Students: 43 student

Hours Volunteered: 939 hours

St. Vincent de Paul

This academic year St. Vincent de Paul has engaged in a variety of fundraising activities to raise money for the Galway branch of the society. In semester one we had a table quiz fundraiser in the college bar, we helped with bagpacking in Dunnes, Eyre Square shopping centre, and we raised money carol singing before the end of the semester. Another fundraising activity was held in conjunction with the Orchestra society - the proceeds from their Christmas concert went to our society. SVP members were in attendance and helped facilitate a raffle. We also went to visit the residents of St. Frances' nursing home three times last semester, where we chatted to the residents and provided musical entertainment.

In semester two we had a coffee morning in Friar's, and more recently a cake sale in collaboration with NomSoc in the Hub.

St. Vincent de Paul Events

This year the society held a total of 8 events.

First Meeting of the Year » *Library Room of Chaplaincy Centre (College Chapel) » 3rd October 2011*

SVP development officer & NUIG student, Henry Geraghty, gave a 20min presentation on the history of SVP. Ideas for the year were discussed.

Meetings » *Library of Chaplaincy Centre (College Chapel) » 10th October 2011*

Approximately 12 meetings were held over the course of the academic year to plan and organise events. Meetings were generally held once a week or once a fortnight.

Nursing home visits » *St. Frances' nursing home » 7th November 2011 (3 events)*

Over the course of semester one we visited St. Frances' three times where we chatted with residents and provided music

Carol singing » *Friar's » 21st November 2011* Helped by members of the choral society we raised money singing carols.

Fundraising Table Quiz Night » *College bar » 22nd November 2011*

Come and test your knowledge while helping a great cause! All money raised will go towards food, heat, clothes and Christmas presents to the families in need around Galway City. Spot prizes and free food on the night!

Orchestra concert with proceeds going to SVP » *The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 16th January 2012*

The proceeds from the Christmas concert held by the Orchestra Society went to SVP. Members of SVP facilitated a raffle at half-time.

SVP St Valentine's Day Coffee Morning » *Friars » 14th February 2012*

We held a coffee morning fundraiser with a raffle in Friar's. Prizes were two tickets to the red hot chili peppers in June and a hamper.

Cake Sale NUIG SVP Soc Pub Night » *The Hub and the College Bar » 22nd March 2012*

This was a social night for all members of the society who had helped us out over the course of the year, or for anyone who was interested in the society and who wanted to know more about it or join next semester. Earlier in the day, with the help of the NomSoc, we held a cake sale.

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Angela Sweeney

Treasurer: Kevin McCague

Secretary: Roisin O'Rourke

Committee 2012/2013

Treasurer: Aileen Riney

Auditor: Roisin O'Rourke

Secretary: Christopher Clarkson

Vice-Auditor: Aoife Kervick

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	371.46	Bank charge	€23.16
Fundraising	€426.20	Entertainment	€20.00
		Fundraising/charity	€426.20
		Materials	€11.02
		Expenditure Total	€480.38
		Closing Bank Balance	€317.28
Total	€797.66	Total	€797.66

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 261 members.

ALIVE

<u>Angela Sweeney</u>	President	40 hours
<u>Roisin O'Rourke</u>	Secretary, volunteer, fundraiser	25 hours
<u>Aileen Riney</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Aoife Kervick</u>	Volunteer, Fundraiser	15 hours
# ALIVE Students:	4 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	90 hours	

Suas Society

Suas Society ran both a mentoring program and Global Issues Program this year. Both of the programs ran for two semesters.

The mentoring program was paired with Scoil San Niocláís in The Claddagh. Mentors were recruited for the homework club there which took place on Monday and Tuesday afternoons both semesters.

The Global Issues course also continued in the second semester, with a second batch of students learning about global development, education, health and trade issues.

We raised money for the Suas partner schools with the annual Suas St. Patrick's day facepainting fundraiser.

Our members were also made aware of the Suas Volunteer Program in India and Kenya. One of our members from NUIG made it through the rigorous selection process and was selected to take part in the program in India this Summer. We wish him the best of luck!

The society was more active and high-profile than in previous years.

We wish next year's committee and society the very best of luck with their programs!

Suas Society Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

Suas Soc welcome evening - Pizza!!! » *The Space, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 19th September 2011

Suas Soc welcome evening - Pizza!!!

Description: Welcome evening for people interested in getting involved with the society this year.

There will be pizza and drinks - students can stop by between 5:30 and 7:00.

We will also be available to give info on Global Issues Course and Mentoring Program.

Suas mentor training » *meeting room 1 (upstairs in Aras na MacLeinn)* » 4th October 2011

Suas mentor training will take place on Tuesday, 4th of October upstairs in Meeting Room 1, Aras na Mac Leinn from 2pm til 4:30pm.

This training session is for all volunteers participating in the mentoring program this semester. It is a chance to meet Evelyn, Adelaide and Helina from the Suas team, learn what is expected of you as a volunteer on the program and also meet your fellow mentors. Topics covered will include educational disadvantage, ALIVE certification, literacy support, child protection.

Mentor meet-up » *The Hub, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 1st November 2011

All registered mentors from both sessions of St. Nicholas' NS Homework Club to meet up together in The Hub at 3pm on Tuesday.

Suas volunteering in India and Kenya information briefing » *The View, upstairs in Aras na Mac Leinn, NUI Galway* » 17th November 2011

On Thursday, November 17th from 6pm - 6:45pm, Mary and Dermot from Suas' head office will be on campus to tell you all about the Volunteer Program with our partner schools in India and Kenya.

They will go through what the program involves including training, medical details, travel arrangements, etc.

Applications open November 5th - see www.suas.ie for more details.

Christmas party for Suas mentors and children from homework club » *The View, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 5th December 2011

Christmas party for mentors and children from the homework club at St. Nicholas' School, The Claddagh

Training for mentors » *The Space, upstairs in Aras na Mac Leinn* » 17th January 2012

Training for mentors joining the NUIG Homework Club and Literacy Support program run by Suas in St. Nicholas' Primary School in The Claddagh, Galway City. The homework club takes place on Monday and Tuesday afternoons at 2:30 in the school. Mentoring on the program involves a commitment of one hour a week for 8 weeks.

This training will take place on Tuesday, 17th of January at 2:30pm in The Space, upstairs in Aras na Mac Leinn. The session will be facilitated by Adelaide from the Suas head office who will run through everything you will need to know about mentoring.

Please fill out the online application form before attending training: <http://suas.ie/applymentoring.html>

St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser » *Galway City* » 17th March 2012

Paint Shamrocks for Education in Africa and India!

We'll be meeting at Jury's Inn where you get T-Shirts, fundraising buckets and face paint. From there you go off in groups of two to three to explore the parade and add some green colour to people's faces for about 3 hours!

Meeting times: 10.30 am - Jury's Inn 1.30pm - Jury's Inn. For more information check our website and tell all your friends - it will be fun!

Committee 2011/2012

Vice-Auditor: Lyndia Peters

Treasurer: Inez Hargaden

General Committee Member: Nessa Golden

Volunteer coordinator: Evelyn Fennelly

Auditor: Mona Niemeyer

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	148.35	Bank charge	€18.51
USC Grant	€200.00	Dinner	€59.92
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€185.20
		Printing	€60.00
		Reception	€43.18
		Stationary	€2.49
		Expenditure Total	€369.30
		Closing Bank Balance	€-20.95
Total	€348.35	Total	€348.35

Other Information

We held 2 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 251 members.

ALIVE

<u>Cathy McCarthy</u>	Tutor	16 hours
<u>Daniel Ryan</u>	Homework Club Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Kerrie O'Donnell</u>	Claddagh Suas Program	10 hours
<u>Gemma Sheridan</u>	Claddagh Suas Program	10 hours
<u>Grainne Ni Dhuinnin</u>	Homework Club Mentor	10 hours
<u>Inez Hargaden</u>	Homework Club Mentor	16 hours
<u>Rachel O'Dea</u>	Volunteer	18 hours
<u>Evelyn Fennelly</u>	Volunteer Program promoter	40 hours
<u>Dayna Doherty</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Andrea Beirne</u>	Homework Club Mentor	10 hours
<u>Yvonne Cassidy</u>	Mentor	10 hours
<u>Leah Duffy</u>	Homework Club Mentor	11 hours

<u>Clare Duignan</u>	Homework Club Mentor	12 hours
<u>Niamh Gethin</u>	Homework Club Mentor	12 hours
<u>Cathy Gormlry</u>	Homework Club Mentor	20 hours
<u>Julie Hanlon</u>	Mentor	10 hours
<u>Fiona Lowe</u>	Tutor	10 hours
<u>Kathy Martin</u>	Homework Club Mentor	10 hours
<u>Ailish McGarry</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Sharon Moran</u>	Homework Club Mentor	10 hours
<u>Patrick Rauda</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Paul Robinson</u>	Homework Club Mentor	15 hours
<u>Ruth Scales</u>	Volunteer	29 hours
<u>Roseanne Turner</u>	Volunteer	38 hours
<u>Laura Duignan</u>	Tutor	40 hours
# ALIVE Students:	29 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	439 hours	

Subhoro Soc

Subhoro Society is situated in the Acadamh in Carraroe.

Bunaidh Cumann Ealaine na Ceathrun Rua, Subhoro i 2009 chun na healaiona a chur chun cinn ni hamhain ar champas an Acadaimh, ach timpeall Conamara chomh maith. Cuireann siad ceolchoirmeacha ar siul ag taispeaint an saibhreas ceoil, damhsa agus cumadoireacht ata ar fail timpeall na haite. Seoladh an chead dluthdhiosca de chuid an chumainn ag deireadh 2009 ina raibh dha dluthdhiosca le ceol, amhranaiocht, filiocht agus scealaiocht o mhuintir Gaeltachtaí na hEireann agus muintir an Acadaimh. Is ar mhaithe le hOspideail na Leanai i gCrumlin a bhi se.

I mbliana an imeacht is mo a bhi againn na an Eigse Ealaion. Reachtfar deireadh seachtaine ealaine le scoth an cheoil, na dramaiochta, na cumadoireachta, an rince agus an sean nos. Bhi ceoltoiri agus ealaiontoiri aitheanta o gach cearn den tir i lathair chun ceardlann, ceolchoirmeacha agus leachtaí a chur ar fail don phobail.

Chomh maith leis sin, bhi ceoilchoirmeacha loin againn leis na gceoltoiri on gCursa ceoil ar an Spideil agus le Padraic Keane, ceoltóir og na bliana.

Bionn na mic leinn ata baill do Subhoro ag casadh ag na seisiuin ceoil timpeall an ceantair agus bionn ar seisiuin fhein again i Tigh Se.

Deanann siad go leor ple leis an drama chomh maith. Rinne muid eisteachtaí ag deireadh semester a haon agus beidh an drama ag dul ar an ardan i mi Marta

Subhoro Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

Eigse Ealaion » *an Cheathru Rua* » 7th October – 9th October 2011 (3 individual events)

Is in Acadamh na hOllscolaiochta Gaeilge ar an gCeathru Rua an deireadh seachtaine seo (7-9 Deireadh Fomhair) a reicthfar deireadh seachtaine ealaine le scoth an cheoil, na dramaiochta, na cumadoireachta, an rince agus an sean nos. Beidh ceoltairi agus ealaiontoir? aitheanta i gach cearn den tir i lathair chun ceardlann, ceolchoirmeacha agus leachtaí a chur ar feil don phobail.

Ta failte roimh chuig an deireadh seachtaine seo.

Ceolchoirm Loin » *An Cheathru Rua* » 8th November 2011

Beidh mic leinn on cursa ceoil sa Spideal anseo ag am loin amarach chun ceolchoirm a dheanamh. Beidh meascan idir ceol agus amhran! T? suil agam go mbeidh sibh in ann teacht chun tacaiocht a thabhairt chuig na mic leinn!

Seisiuin Ceol » *An Cheathru Rua* » 25th January 2012

Ta ceoltoiri an Acadaimh ag teacht le cheile chun cupla amhrain a casadh i Tigh Se. Ta failte roimh ceoltoiri agus an pobal chun teacht agus eisteacht linn.

Ceolchoirm Loin » *An Cheathru Rua* » 14th February 2012

Ta ceoltóir Og na bliana Padraig Keane (pib uilleán) ag teacht chuid an Acadaimh chun ceoilchoirm lloin a dheanamh in einaocht le Sean Hughes (fiddle & Feadog Mhor).

Cuirfear s?l?ist? ar f?il agus n? bheidh g? aon airgead a ?oc

An Toghchan - drama » seanscoil sailearna indreabh » 5th March 2012

Ar an 5 Marta, beidh aisteoiri on Cumann Subhoro ag chur an drama 'An Toghchan' a scriobh Tomas Og O Ceilleachair ar an ardan. Is drama faoi polatíocht na mic leinn agus na daoine ata ag dul san iomaíocht. Is drama lan le greann e agus beidh na aisteoiri fíor bhúioch as an tacaíocht.

Ach roimh an drama, beidh ceolchoirm beag ar siúl leis na mic leinn on Acaaimh. Beidh siad ag casadh neart ceol difriúil agus beidh an-craic ann.

Bigi ann!!!

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Jane O'Driscoll

Vice-Auditor: Louise Devitt

Oifigeach caidreamh Poibl: Una McCarthy

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	500.00	Entertainment	€630.00
Members Contributions	€80.00	Lights	€230.00
USC Grant	€1,000.00	Society transport	€20.00
		Teacher fees	€700.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,580.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€0.00
Total	€1,580.00	Total	€1,580.00

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 35 members.

Trad Soc

This was a very successful year for TradSoc. We took part in a wide variety of events, from performing at the Arts ball to playing on Celtic Music Radio, Glasgow. We continued our weekly sessions in the Crane Bar, and also regularly played sessions in Club Á • ras na nGael in association with An Cumann Craic. This hard work was rewarded by winning the Best Cultural Contribution award at the Societies Ball.

We held 16 committee meetings throughout the year, which were vital to the smooth running of our society. These meetings were conducted well, and the committee worked closely as a team. To smooth the transition between this year's and next year's committee we spent a weekend together in Inis Oirr. This trip was hugely successful, with the locals inviting us to perform in a parade to honour St.Gobnait, patron saint of bees.

We are looking forward to facing the challenges and rewards of the coming year together.

Trad Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 56 events.

TradSoc Tuesdays @ The Crane » The Crane Bar Sea Road » 6th September 2011

TradSocs Weekly session takes place every Tuesday night @ 10pm in The Crane Bar Sea Road Galway. Here the members meet up for a weekly session and play music for both musicians and listeners alike. Remember you dont have to play an instrument to come. Hope to see ye there on Tuesday.

TradSoc Session To Raise Funds For Trocaire » The Crane Bar Sea Road » 27th September 2011

This week the session will raise funds for trocaire as part of the Trad For Trócaire campaign. Hope to see ye there.

TradSoc Tuesdays @ The Crane » *The Crane Bar Sea Road* » 11th October 2011

Arts in Action » *The Hub* » 17th October 2011

TradSoc will be playing alongside fantastic musicians Michael O Shuilleabhan, Niall Keegan and Sandra Joyce, and the Irish World Academy 2nd Year students. The event is free and open to all. It promises to be a great show, so don't miss it! For a taste check out the video below!

TradSoc Tuesdays @ The Crane » *The Crane Bar Sea Road* » 18th October 2011

TradSoc Tuesdays @ The Crane » *The Crane Bar* » 24th October 2011

TradSoc Tuesdays @ The Crane » *The Crane Bar* » 1st November 2011

TradSoc Tuesdays @ The Crane » *The Crane Bar* » 8th November 2011

Trad Soc EGM » *UC102* » 14th November 2011

Trad Soc Extraordinary General Meeting

TradSoc Tuesdays @ The Crane » *The Crane Bar* » 15th November 2011

Arts in Action Concert » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 18th November 2011

As part of the Arts in Action concert series, TradSoc will be performing a short set before Mairtin O'Connor, Frankie Gavin and special guest Carl Hession take to the stage for what promises to be an excellent show. The concert will take place from 1-2pm in the Bailey Allen Hall, and admission is free.

TradSoc Tuesdays @ The Crane » *The Crane Bar* » 22nd November 2011

TradSoc Tuesdays @ The Crane » *The Crane* » 22nd November 2011

TradSoc Tuesdays @ The Crane » *The Crane, Sea Road* » 29th November 2011

Trad Soc Tuesdays @ The Crane » *The Crane, Sea Road* » 10th January 2012

Trad Soc Tuesdays @ The Crane » *The Crane, Sea Road* » 17th January 2012

Teach-a-Tune » *Small Acoustic Room, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 19th January 2012

The Teach-a-Tune session caters for trad musicians of any instrument and ability. It's a fun and enjoyable way of learning new tunes, with a different teacher each week.

TradSoc Trip To Glasgow » *Glasgow* » 26th January – 29th January 2012 (4 individual events)

TradSoc Members are visiting the Celtic Connections Folk Festival which takes place each year in Glasgow. It promises to be a great weekend of fun.

Trad Soc Tuesdays @ The Crane » *The Crane, Sea Road* » 31st January 2012

ChoOrchesTrad » *Aula Maxima* » 6th February 2012

Come see some of Galway's finest talent as NUIG TradSoc Orchestra and Choral Societies come together for a night of music as part of Muscailt Arts Festival NUIG. It promises to be a fantastic night with all the societies showcasing the best of their talent. Admission is free so why not call down.

TradSoc Tuesdays @ The Crane » *The Crane Bar Sea Road* » 7th February 2012

TradSoc Event » *Corrib Vilage* » 8th February 2012

TradSoc Musicians play in corrib village games room. All are welcome

TradSoc join Nuig Chaplaincy for Svp Coffee morning » *Friars Nuig* » 14th February 2012

Trad Soc Tuesdays @ The Crane » *The Crane, Sea Road* » 14th February 2012

TradSoc Musicians Play for WCAD » *westside Community Centre* » 15th February 2012

TradSoc musicians to take part in World Community Arts Day at the Westside Resource Centre

TradSoc Perform at The Nuig Arts Ball » *The Salthill Hotel* » 15th February 2012

Trad Soc Tuesdays @ The Crane » *The Crane, Sea Road* » 21st February 2012

TradSoc Teach A Tune » *The Space* » 23rd February – 1st March 2012 (8 individual events)

Trad Soc Tuesdays @ The Crane » *The Crane, Sea Road* » 28th February 2012

Lunch Time Concert » *Engineering Building Nuig* » 29th February 2012

TradSoc Teach A Tune » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 1st March 2012

TradSoc Session » *Aras na Gael* » 5th March 2012

TradSoc session in association with Cumann Craic as part of Seactain Na Gaeilge. All are welcome.

Trad Soc Tuesdays @ The Crane » *The Crane, Sea Road* » 6th March 2012

TradSoc Play for Energy Night » *bailey allen hall* » 6th March 2012

TradSoc Teach A Tune » *small Accoustic Room, Aras Na MacLeinn* » 8th March 2012

TradSoc Tutor teaches a few different tunes. All musician are welcome.

TradSoc Session » *Aras na Gael* » 12th March 2012

TradSoc On Radio Na Gaeltachta » *college bar* » 13th March 2012

TradSoc Playe on Rnag

Trad Soc Tuesdays @ The Crane » *The Crane, Sea Road* » 13th March 2012

TradSoc Ceili » *Aras Na Gael* » 15th March 2012

TradSoc C?ili in Aras Na Gael Dominick Street. This Thursday. All are welcome for a few tunes and a bit of Craic.

Trad Soc Tuesdays @ The Crane » *The Crane, Sea Road* » 20th March 2012

Trad Soc Tuesdays @ The Crane » *The Crane, Sea Road* » 27th March 2012

Trad Soc Tuesdays @ The Crane » *The Crane, Sea Road* » 3rd April 2012

Trad Soc Tuesdays @ The Crane » *The Crane, Sea Road* » 10th April 2012

Trad Soc Tuesdays @ The Crane » *The Crane, Sea Road* » 17th April 2012

Trad Soc Tuesdays @ The Crane » *The Crane, Sea Road* » 24th April 2012

Committee 2011/2012

OCM: Steven Mullally

OCM: Emma Harte

Treasurer: David Crowe

Vice Secretary: Eoin McEvoy

OCM: Kate Nevin

Liason Officer: Jonathon Donoghue

Events Manager: Roisin O'Raghallaigh

OCM: Shane Devlin

Auditor: Gearoid Kelly

Secretary: Kieran Fleming

OCM: Jennifer Trousdell

Musical Director: Paul McClure

PRO: Zara Ni Choistealbha

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Steven Mullally

Secretary: Shane Armstrong

Liaison Officer/PRO: Gearoid Kelly

Events Manager: Eimear Daly

OCM: Emma Harte

Vice-Auditor/Treasurer: Mary Byrne

Vice-Secretary: Aoife Weeks

Musical Director: David Crowe

OCM: Eoin McEvoy

OCM: Zara Ni Choistealbha

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	356.08	Bank charge	€31.71
Fundraising	€884.66	Dinner	€29.97
Hoodies	€235.00	Entertainment	€650.00
SocsBox Till	€1,970.00	Fundraising/charity	€120.00
Sponsorship	€100.00	Hire Bus	€475.00
USC Grant	€3,500.00	Hoodies	€550.00
		Materials	€359.48
		Printing	€14.00
		Reimbursed income/sales by society	€35.00
		Society accommodation	€1,485.71
		Society transport	€2,067.94
		Socs day expenses	€44.43
		Expenditure Total	€5,863.24
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,182.50
Total	€7,045.74	Total	€7,045.74

Other Information

We held 16 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 737 members.

ALIVE

<u>Emma Harte</u>	Committee member	250 hours
<u>Jennifer Trousdell</u>	OCM	100 hours
<u>Steven Mullally</u>	Vice-PRO	126 hours
<u>Gearoid Kelly</u>	Auditor	750 hours
<u>Eoin McEvoy</u>	Vice-Secretary	50 hours
<u>Roisin O'Raghallaigh</u>	Events manager	104 hours
<u>David Crowe</u>	Vice-Auditor/Treasurer	700 hours
<u>Kate Nevin</u>	OCM	100 hours
<u>Zara Ní Choistealbha</u>	PRO	100 hours
# ALIVE Students:	9 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	2280 hours	

ULA (New Society)

2011/2012 marked the first year of the ULA Society (United Left Alliance) in NUI Galway. A slow start to the year led to some notable activities, which included:

A public meeting and pre-march rally against the commercialisation of education on the eve of the USI/SU student protest march in Dublin.

Speakers from the NUIG SIPTU Academic branch, from FEE Galway, the ULA and the Workers' Party spoke, and the meeting was attended by a large and diverse crowd including staff and students of the university, GMIT, and local teachers and activists.

As part of its Capitalism Off Campus initiative the society showed the film *The Take* and hosted a number of lunchtime talks on issues such as neoliberalism, commercialisation and privatisation of services, prevalence of marketing and advertising etc. These resulted in modest numbers, some new members and good discussions.

The society organised a successful public briefing on Medical (Termination of Pregnancy) Bill 2012, which was introduced to the Dáil by the ULA earlier this year. Speakers included the Director of the Global Women's Studies programme, a nurse and midwife with the Well Woman clinic in Dublin, the auditor of the Open Feminist Forum and a ULA representative. In addition the ULA provided an op-ed for the SIN student newspaper on the topic of lifesaving abortion.

When news that the junior Government partners were due to hold their annual national conference on campus the society set about organising a counter-conference to challenge Labour on their broken promises and anti-worker, anti-social and anti-women policies and actions in Government. The counter-conference was held in Galway city over two days and attracted a large attendance including members and former members of the labour party, school teachers, university lecturers, students, activists and residents of Galway. Panel discussions and workshops on issues such as education, healthcare, the economy, the single currency, youth unemployment and the environment were held.

The culmination of the year was our AGM at which we elected a new committee and planned for 2012/13. Despite a slow start to the year, and a steep learning curve, the ULA society managed to host a number of timely and interesting events. We hope to build on this for next year.

The Committee,
ULA Society,
National University of Ireland, Galway.

This was the first year the ULA was active in NUI Galway. The U where the majority of its members were active in the Free Education for Everyone campaign.

We organised a public talk on the commercialisation of education where 2 lecturers spoke and a film showing of The Take.

We have around 10 active members with some great plans for next year.

ULA Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

The Fight Against Austerity » *ac201* » *5th April 2012*

The meeting will be addressed by one of Ireland's leading economists Terrence McDonough, who has consistently argued against austerity and the bank and bondholder bailout. Cian Prenderville, an organiser in the ongoing campaign against the Household Charge will also speak at the meeting, discussing the lessons being learned from that campaign and the importance of people power in facing down austerity measures. Economics lecturer and political activist Brian O'Boyle will join the panel to discuss the political action that people and communities can take to defend themselves from continued financial attacks.

The meeting will take place at 7:30pm on Thursday 5th April in room AC201 in NUI Galway. All are welcome to attend and to participate.

Counter-Conference » *Harbour Hotel, Galway* » *13th April – 14th April 2012 (2 individual events)*

2012 marks the 100th anniversary of the foundation of the Irish Labour Party. To mark the occasion and to challenge them on their absolute betrayal of the working class, the Galway branch of the ULA is hosting a Counter-Conference to coincide with the National Conference of the Labour Conference. The Counter-Conference will be held in NUI Galway on Friday 13th and Saturday 14th April.

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Sarah McCarthy

Vice-Auditor: Joseph Loughnane

Secretary: Conor Davis McGuinness

Treasurer: Frank Doherty

People's Commissar for Generality: Kenneth Walsh

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Gerard Madden

Vice-Auditor: Sarah McCarthy

Treasurer: Frank Doherty

Secretary: Katie Gibbons

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0.00	Bank charge	€17.58
USC Grant	€500.00	Expenditure Total	€17.58
		Closing Bank Balance	€482.42
Total	€500.00	Total	€500.00

Other Information

We held 11 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 21 members.

Vegetarian Society

The Veggie Soc for 2011/2012 established a weekly lunch meeting which encouraged members to bring their own vegetarian food to share with other members in order to promote vegetarian food and for members to get to know one another. We also ran two promotions in conjunction with the College Bar which prepared two specially created vegetarian/vegan dishes and offered them at a discounted price. The members prepared food for the Mega Musical Monday event in the Bailey Allen Hall on November 14th 2012.

Vegetarian Society Events

This year the society held a total of 14 events.

Veg Soc AGM » *hub* » *4th October 2011*

The Vegetarian Society will be having it's AGM in the hub to elect a new committee for the upcoming year and to plan our events for the year. Hope to see you all there!

Vegetarian Lunch » *hub* » *13th October 2011*

The veggie soc meet once a week in the hub for a veggie potluck lunch. We all bring a simple veggie dish to share with others. It's a great way to other people interested in vegetarian food and to try new foods!

Vegetarian potluck lunch » *hub* » *20th October 2011*

World Vegan Day » *The Bierhaus pub, Henry St., Galway.* » *1st November 2011*

Amazing selection of European and Galway

vegan friendly beers. Vegan Info, Music, Vegan Soc Video "Making the connection", talk by Expert VEGANIC gardiner.

It will be a POT LUCK event, so plz bring a simple vegan dish.

Veggie Pot Luck Lunch » *hub* » *3rd November 2011*

We all bring a simple veggie dish to share with everyone.

Veggie Pot Luck Lunch » *hub* » *10th November 2011*

We meet in the hub every Thursday and we all bring a simple veggie dish to share with each other. A great way to meet fellow members and experience new foods.

Veggie soc stall @ Mega Musical Munchie Monday » *bailey allen hall* » *14th November 2011*

Join us to launching music Week: If music be the food of love...

An all singing, all dancing, all eating evening with loads of international food, cabaret style seating, great music, beverages and full bar.

Tickets ?2

VEGGIE SOC PROMO LUNCH » *college bar* » *24th November 2011*

The Veggie Soc will be hosting a promo veggie lunch in conjunction with the College bar. There will be four vegetarian options available at the college bar (including at least one vegan option) We hope this will encourage people to choose the veggie dishes

Veggie Pot Luck Lunch » *hub* » *19th January 2012*

The Veggie Soc meet every Thursday at 1pm in the hub where we all bring a simple veggie dish to share with others. Feel free to come along and join us!

Vegetarian Society Pot Luck lunch » *The Hub* » *9th February 2012*

Vegetarian Pot Luck Lunch in the Hub. Bring a vegetarian dish to share with others and join in.

Veggie Soc Promo Lunch » *college bar* » *23rd February 2012*

?4 for all Vegetarian meals in the College Bar! Choose from a pasta rotollo with cream cheese red pepper sauce or an Indian style dahl (this one's vegan). See you there!

Vegetarian Society Pot Luck lunch » *The hub* » *15th March – 29th March 2012 (3 individual events)*

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Caroline Hoade

PRO: Aaron Liston

Treasurer: Aoife Lynch

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€235.15	Bank charge	€42.25
Ticket Sales	€5.00	Materials	€75.16
USC Grant	€500.00	Expenditure Total	€117.41
Total	€740.15	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€4.84
		Closing Bank Balance	€617.90
		Total	€740.15

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 162 members.

ALIVE

<u>Aoife Lynch</u>	Treasurer	22 hours
<u>Caroline Hoade</u>	Auditor	25 hours
# ALIVE Students:	2 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	47 hours	

Voluntary Services Abroad Soc

Voluntary Services Abroad is a medical aid charity run by the 4th year medical students of NUI, Galway. Founded in 1977 by Dr. Dom Colbert, it has a proud tradition of sending groups of adventurous medical students to the Developing World each summer.

Since its foundation, more than 450 young NUIG medical students have been sent overseas as healthcare volunteers, bringing with them funds to develop and support healthcare delivery in the areas they are working. These places have included areas of Zambia, Malawi, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Peru, Ecuador, Belize, Vietnam and India.

Throughout the year, as many events and fundraising activities as the calendar will allow, take place. Some events are now iconic indications of what time of the year it is. For example, the cryptically named Halloween Ball or the equally subtle VSA Christmas Concert.

Every summer, after their exams, groups of students set off to their chosen destinations where they will spend 8 weeks. This time is spent volunteering their own skills, improving the facilities of our partner clinics/hospitals and gaining valuable, often inspiring experience working in challenging environments.

Each volunteer pays for their own travel and accommodation expenses, in addition to reaching their own personal fundraising target. This means every euro, cent and whatever else ends up in our buckets goes directly to the clinics, hospitals and communities in question. 100%.

Bringing medical aid to the developing world (and bringing fun and games to NUIG) since 1977.

Voluntary Services Abroad Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 12 events.

Traveller's Tales » *Large Lecture Theatre » 15th September 2011*

Come on in after a long day of work to hear the final meds talk about their adventures all over the globe. They'll be talking about the experiences of VSA over the summer hols.

VSA Table Quiz » *The Quays » 6th October – 7th October 2011 (2 individual events)*

Doors open at 8pm. €5 admission

Be there by 730pm to book a table! It's going to be packed full of people that night. Competitions, a raffle and an auction of one guy or girl from each year will be held during the quiz. Spread the word!

The VSA Halloween Ball » *Halo » 27th October 2011*

The VSA Halloween Ball @ Halo is an annual fundraising event and tickets are going for a mere 10euros each! Tickets are currently on sale at the socsbox so get them while they last. Doors open strictly from 10:30pm till midnight and prizes will be awarded to the best costume so dress up in your craziest getup and partay for a good cause!!

VSA Christmas Concert » *Kirwan Lecture Theatre, Concourse, NUIG » 23rd November – 24th November 2011 (2 individual events)*

The concert will be held on campus this year in the Kirwan Lecture Theatre on the Concourse at 7pm next Wed 23rd Nov!

Bake Sale » *clinical science institute, UCHG. » 1st December 2011*

VSA Polar Bear Swim » *Blackrock, Salthill, Galway » 18th December 2011*

Annual dip for VSA on Sunday 18th December. (Morning of Medball)

As always were asking that people try and raise some money before the jump; annoy family members and neighbours, whatever is convenient. We will bring a bucket if you bring the cash!!

VSA Annual Swing Ball » *Salthill Hotel Galway » 21st January – 22nd January 2012 (2 individual events)*

The VSA Swing Ball is held annually to raise money for fourth year medical students carrying out summer volunteer projects in the developing world.

VSA Full Moon Party » Karma Night Club » 8th March – 9th March 2012 (2 individual events)

Tickets are €7 and will be available from the Socsbox in NUIG from Monday 5th March and will also be sold in the CSI (times to be confirmed). Doors open at 11pm and there'll be plenty of drinks promos on the night!

Please support as all proceeds go towards VSA projects overseas this summer!

Karma reserves the right to refuse admission. ID required.

Committee 2011/2012

Vice Auditor: Andrew Carroll

Treasurer: Margaret Kennelly

Vice-Auditor: Maeve O'Connor

Auditor: Fionnuala Kelly

Secretary: Ealing Loke

Public Relations Officer: Michelle Casey

Student Liason Officer: Claire Donlan

Student Liason Officer: Cornelia Carey

Volunteering Officer: Conor Moran

Committee Member: Irene McDonnell

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	7,000.00	Ball	€7,669.20
Bank Charge	€383.20	Bank charge	€383.20
Fundraising	€94,392.71	Dinner	€306.53
SocsBox Till	€2,310.00	Entertainment	€3,800.00
Ticket Sales	€11,043.00	Fundraising/charity	€91,873.64
		Hoodies	€1,487.07
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€651.90
		Promotions	€178.00
		Reception	€158.40
		Expenditure Total	€106,507.94
		Closing Bank Balance	€8,620.97
Total	€115,128.91	Total	€115,128.91

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 457 members.

ALIVE

<u>Sean Rooney</u>	Representative	10 hours
<u>Brian Moloney</u>	Volunteering and Fundraising	332 hours
<u>Andrew Carroll</u>	Vice-Auditor, volunteer and fundraiser	35 hours
<u>Fionnuala Kelly</u>	Auditor, Volunteer, Fundraiser	160 hours
<u>Claire Donlan</u>	Student Liaison Officer/Event Organiser/Fundraiser	60 hours
# ALIVE Students:	5 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	597 hours	

Writers Group Soc

We had a quiet year this year with most of our activity in semester one.

Writers Group Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 5 events.

Weekly Writers' Meeting » *Aras na mac leinn, The Space* » 22nd September 2011

Weekly Writers' workshop

EGM » *Josh and Gar's Apt. (Eyre Square)* » 6th October 2011

Writers' workshop/ EGM, meeting in Eyre Square at 19.00 then heading up to the apartment.

Writers' Soc and BaCon Soc Poetry Slam » *bank of ireland theatre* » 12th October 2011

Poetry Slam hosted by BaCon Soc and Writers' Soc. With prizes and refreshments!

Weekly Writers' Meeting » *Tower 2 room 306* » 13th October 2011

Weekly workshop.

Writers' Soc weekly meeting » *tb306 Tower 2* » 20th October 2011

Weekly writers' workshop.

Committee 2011/2012

Treasurer: Gary Hussey

Vice-Auditor: Gearoid Dempsey

Auditor: Joshua Robbins

OCM: Nicholas Fitzgerald

OCM: Shaun Leonard

PRO: Clare McLaughlin

Events Organiser: Daniel McGill

OCM: Rory O'Sullivan

Secretary: Rhian Wolstenholme

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: Hazel Wolstenholme

Vice-Auditor: Michael Healy

Secretary: Rhian Wolstenholme

Treasurer: Gary Hussey

PRO: Sorcha O'Mahony

Publisher General: Hugh Murray

OCM: Christopher Moran

OCM: Timothy Connolly

OCM: David McEnroe

OCM: Aimee McCague

OCM: Ivy Dawkins Lloyd

OCM: Laura Hayes

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	50.16	Bank charge	€11.55
		Expenditure Total	€11.55
		Closing Bank Balance	€38.61
Total	€50.16	Total	€50.16

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 369 members.

ALIVE

Shaun Leonard Committee Member 20 hours

Molly Aitken Secretary 25 hours

ALIVE Students: 2 student

Hours Volunteered: 45 hours

Young Fine Gael Soc

YFG is an organisation with a network of thousands of members nationwide, and an unrivalled programme of social events, weekends away and nights out. So as well as an opportunity to voice your opinion on the issues that matter to you, you get a packed social life into the bargain! YFG NUIG Meet every week and discuss issues affecting young people as well as hosting some great speakers from the senior party.

Young Fine Gael Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

Welcome Party! » *The View, Aras na Mac Léinn, » 26th September 2011*

This year we have another hectic and fun packed year ahead of us, and it all kicks off this week with our introductory meeting at 8:30pm on Monday the 26th of September, The View, Aras Na Mac Leinn (one of our Committee Members will be standing in the foyer downstairs, to help you find the room). This meeting is where we get to know one another, you get to meet this years committee, discuss events and plans for the upcoming year (feel free to come up and add your own at the meeting) and afterwards we will be having Free Pizza & Refreshments!!!

Film night » *ac 201 concourse » 3rd October 2011* YFG are holding our annual film night. This year we will be showing Neil Jordans 'Michael Collins'. Do come down for promises to be a relaxed and enjoyable evening.

An evening with Ciaran Cannon TD. » *IT 125G » 24th October 2011*

A talk from Ciaran Cannon TD Galway East, Minister of State for Training & Skills at the Department of Education & Skills.

yfg national conference 2012 » *Bridge House Hotel Tullamore County Offaly » 18th February – 19th February 2012 (2 individual events)* YFG national conference in Bridge House Hotel Tullamore County Offaly

YFG Simon Harris Visit » *AC 201 concourse » 5th March 2012* Simon will be holding a talk on youth mental health, supplemented with other topical issues relevant to us all. There will be time for questions from the floor afterwards.

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: James McNicholas

Treasurer: Johnathan Tumulty

Secretary: David O'Reilly

Vice-Auditor: Donal Hynes

Committee 2012/2013

Auditor: James McNicholas

Vice-Auditor: Donal Hynes

Treasurer: Johnathan Tumulty

Secretary: David O'Reilly

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1,943.19	Affill/Mem fees	€100.00
Bank Charge	€7.81	Bank charge	€37.27
Members Contributions	€270.00	Dinner	€37.95
SocsBox Till	€160.00	Entertainment	€120.00
		Entry fees	€604.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€60.00
		Reception	€647.70
		Society accommodation	€20.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,626.92
		Closing Bank Balance	€754.08
Total	€2,381.00	Total	€2,381.00

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 225 members.

Young Greens Soc

Young Greens is a society for students who want to explore the political side of the environmental movement.

Young Greens Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 8 events.

Wine and Cheese with Eamon Ryan » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 15th September 2011

The young greens invite you to come and meet former minister for communications, energy and natural resources and current leader of the green party, Eamon Ryan. Hear what he has to say about the ongoing relevance of green politics over some light refreshments.

Young Greens AGM » *small acoustic room Aras na mac leinn* » 20th September 2011 We invite all our members, new and old, to our AGM to discuss society plans for the year and elect a new committee. Refreshments provided.

"Eco-Friendly Jihad" (The young greens host comedian Abie Philbin Bowman) » *AM 250, Arts Millenium Building* » 8th November 2011 Tickets (5euro) go on sale in the soc's box on Tuesday the 18th of October, get yours now! 'Eco-Friendly Jihad' by Abie Philbin Bowman Direct from the Hollywood Fringe Festival in Los Angeles, and the Climate Camp Occupation of RBS, 'Eco-Friendly Jihad' is Abie Philbin Bowman's critically acclaimed follow up to 'Jesus: The Guantanamo Years'.

"What the frack is going on in Leitrim?!" » *AM200* » 16th November 2011

Please join the Young Greens and the NUIG Energy and Geology Societies for a very special Panel Discussion on the current Shale Gas Exploration underway in the Lough Allen Basin. Part of the Galway Science and Technology Festival (www.galwayscience.ie).

Green week meeting » *The Art Room, Aras na Mac Leinn.* » 17th January 2012

Green week planning meeting organised by the environmental officer with other societies and interested people, Green Week runs from 13th

informal meet and greet drink » *college bar* » 17th January 2012 Come along to find out more about us, share your ideas.

Frack off! Energy Politics in Co. Clare with Cllr. Brian Meaney. » *The View* » 13th February 2012

Green Party Cllr. Brian Meaney will talk about the recent Clare Co. Council motion to ban fracking as well as some of the issues relating to the setting up of the Mount Callan community wind farm project, which has the potential to power every home and business in Co. Clare.

Sustainable Food with Seamus Sheridan » *Tyndall Theatre* » 15th February 2012 Lunchtime talk as part of Green Week

Committee 2011/2012

Auditor: Catherine Swift

Vice-Auditor: Joseph Murray

Treasurer: Breandan MacGabhann

Secretary: Ciaran Kennedy

PRO: Anthony Cunningham

Committee 2012/2013

Secretary: Ciaran Kennedy

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€319.32	Bank charge	€52.00
Bank Charge	€5.64	Dinner	€337.20
Members Contributions	€206.87	Entertainment	€200.00
SocsBox Till	€30.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€87.66
Ticket Sales	€170.00	Printing	€73.58
USC Grant	€1,500.00	Reception	€116.87
Total	€2,231.83	Speaker accommodation	€75.00
		Speaker travel	€100.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,042.31
		Cash In Hand	€197.72
		Closing Bank Balance	€991.80
		Total	€2,231.83

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 73 members.

Society General Information

Appendices

Appendix 1

What the Societies Say they have learnt (committee members testimonials)

'I wanted to get practical experience outside the lecture hall, instead of just learning theory. This included all the necessary skills needed to impress employers and provide solid examples of where my skills have been developed and improved.'

Michael Slevin French Society Auditor and Business Society Committee

'I learned that organisation is a stressful job, but when you have the support of a good team things become a lot more manageable'

Paul Hanrahan Juggling Society, Auditor

'I have learned how to organise time and events, advertising, work as part of a team, set goals and I've had the opportunity to spend time with chemists from all over the world and from different disciplines of chemistry. I have also become familiar with what is involved in running a society!'

Edel Houton Chemistry Society Auditor

'My communication, organisational and general leadership skills have all improved greatly. I can organise events, run discussion groups, assist members both on a group and individual basis with whatever problems they're having.'

Michael Crampton, Anime & Manga and Gaisce Societies Committees

'I learned how to organise a committee, to delegate responsibility, and how to set goals and to achieve them with the assistance of a team'

Declan O'Loughlan, Chess Soc Treasurer.

'Teamwork is essential, and knowing when to take the reins is key. I learnt that patience is a virtue.'

Hazel Doyle, Musical Society & Drama Society

'I've learned how to manage my time better and how to act as a better mediator.'

Roseanne Turner English & Suas Societies

'I have learned to contribute to team training, and improved my leadership skills. I have also gained confidence in areas that were unfamiliar to me.'

Michael Corcoran, Best Buddies society

'I learnt how to work in a team to set and achieve goals; and I am definitely more outgoing and not afraid of speaking in public.'

Magdalena Hajdukiewicz, Energy Society Secretary

'I have learned how to organise group events, how to go about financing events and also budgeting. How to problem solve, delegation of workloads for the benefit of the committee and how to interact with businesses in a professional and presentable manner.'

Jake Murphy, German Society Auditor

'I learnt how to present to a large Group. I learnt that it is important to prepare if you want to host a successful event. Most importantly I learnt that anything is achievable if you work hard enough.'

Mark Hughes, French Soc & Food & Drinks Society

'One specific thing which I've learned in my role as secretary is how to take minutes. In general, I've improved my communication skills and have definitely developed my organisational skills.'

Sian Murphy, Art Society Secretary

'I have acquired Team Leadership, Event Management and Financial Management skills.'

Kealinn Ross, Business & FLAC Societies

'I have developed the ability to voice my opinion with staff of the university in a professional way. My confidence has received a rather large boost in regards to speaking publicly. As a volunteer at the EDUC, I have discovered the impact of good organisational skills can have on running a successful event!'

Karen McGrory. Lit and Deb EDUC Volunteer

'My volunteering experience with SVP has allowed me to gain experience of leading a group of people and setting goals and fulfilling them. It has also improved my communication skills and inspired me to volunteer in the future.'

Angela Sweeney, Saint Vincent de Paul Auditor

'I believe volunteering helps me cope better with my own life and forces me to focus on helping others. I am better able to cope with college work knowing I am helping others in my spare time.'

Caroline Hoade, Vegetarian Society Auditor

'My skills as a person have grown hugely. I am now a much more confident person. I have no problem approaching people and talking to them. I feel that my teamwork has also developed. Being on a society haven been one of the best things I have ever done.'

Conor Nolan, Law Society Committee

'My experience with the Italian Society has helped me realise that a problem shared is even more than a problem halved, as sharing responsibility with my friends on the committee was enjoyable in and of itself. I've realised the importance and benefit of engaging in extra-curricular voluntary work outside of college duties. My Public Relations duties helped me hone my writing and communication skills. Being one of the leaders at events took me out of my comfort zone in a way that gave me great confidence. And of course, I learned a little extra Italian along the way!'

Isabella De Luca, Italian Society Vice Auditor

'I acquired an array of organisation and leadership skills. I can balance my college work and society work to a better extent than I previously did.'

Tadhg Keane, Classics Society Auditor

'But for volunteering and society work, I would not be in college. Every second that I am volunteering I feel privileged and I feel like I am learning all the time.'

Patrick Clancy, Cumann De Barra, Secretary

'I learned how valuable the working together of local communities can be for the people involved, strengthening and widening the community. I saw all generations working together for a shared aim, and that gave me courage and hope.'

Sally Swanton, Organic Garden Society Treasurer

'Organizational skills is one of the main things I feel I have learned and benefited from through my volunteering experiences within this society, it has allowed me to better time manage my events and budget correctly and within reason.'

Nathan Regan, DJ Society Treasurer

'Taking part in societies like these has given me a much broader and personal experience with the issues that are only outlined in my courses. I also had the chance to adjust to certain technological roles, such as learning how to book rooms online. On a personal level, I got to know a lot of highly intelligent and interesting people and work alongside them.'

Milena Milojjic, Feminist Society Committee

'Society volunteering has defined my college experience. The skills, achievements, opportunities and friendships gained through both GUMS and Ashirbad have been invaluable to me.'

Megan Lohan Musical Society Music director and Ashirbad Volunteer

'As event coordinator for Malaysian Society I was able to sharpen my skill in planning and organizing the event with my creativity. I improved my communication skills a lot since English was not my first language and I have made a lot of new friends from different countries while working on the activities organised by the society.'

Nik Nur Sarahana Hanafi, Malaysian and Muslim Youth Societies

'Positives: Learning how teamwork makes any job easier, providing support for the people I work with and in turn receiving support when I'm particularly busy, watching people enjoy an event we've worked hard on and being thanked for all our hard work by our members. Negative - Watching some plans fail due to our disorganisation or lack of experience - these are excellent learning opportunities, and we are all now much better at event organisation!

This was my first year working with university societies. I definitely intend to continue next year, with FilmSoc and with other societies, to keep enriching the cultural life of the campus.'

Susan Collins, Film Soc Auditor

Appendix 2

USCG

University Societies Coordination group members:

Chairperson: Padraic McNeela,

SU Chairperson: Paul O'Connor

Staff Representatives: Fionnuala Gallagher, Patrick O'Donohue, Lorraine Tansey & Colm O'Dwyer.

Student Representatives: Seagh MacSiurdain, George Karr, Paul O'Donnell, Sarah McCarthy and Conor Stitt.

Appendix 3

Societies ALIVE

Introduction from the Societies ALIVE Booklet:

There are 110 societies with a total membership of 8378 (7517 last year) registered individual student members. The Societies have a combined membership of 36,546 (31,714 Last year) with students joining an average of 4.41 societies. They organise over 8000 events each year with which they enrich the social, community and cultural life of the campus with their presence. They bring colour and excitement to the University which enriches all of our lives. By organising events of educational, cultural, social and humanitarian value they broaden our perspectives and enhance the university experience for their fellow students while contributing to both the local community and the wider world. In the last eight years they have contributed over 1.5 million euro to charity. In the last year they have been honoured with numerous awards and volunteered with communities throughout the world.

81 societies participated in ALIVE this year. 490 (339 last year) society members applied for ALIVE certs for their volunteering with societies. The society ALIVE participants volunteered a staggering 87,262 hours, which is 176 hours on average per person. The committee members volunteered 71,603 hours which is an average of 195 hours per person. 367 of these are on society committees which equals 42.53% of the total 863 students (737 last year) on committees.

This suggests that the hours volunteered by all the committee members could equal 168,358 the equivalent of 95 full time workers which at minimum wage would cost over 1.5 million euro. The societies had a turnover of €1,059,290 last year, €796,305 of that was raised by the societies themselves and €158,484 was given to charity.

To fully appreciate Societies contribution to the University and to put this in context, societies provide the equivalent of 95 full time workers providing social, cultural and educational support to the university community with a budget of €637,821 which they have raise themselves, equalling a total monetary value of over 2 million euro.

Riona Hughes

March 2012

Appendix 4

NUI Galway Society Awards

The Society Awards 2012 took place in the Radisson hotel on March 27th. A fabulous night was had by all 470 who joined us for a night of fun. Performers; Paul Hanrahan Fire Juggling, Peter & Matthew Berill trumpet, piano and sax, The Sing n Tonics Choral Socs' accapella group under conductor Peter Mannion, Trad Soc, Radio Soc's DJ Darren O'Connor and Spanish guitarist Colm O'Rourke (Orchestra), special appearance by our very own Back Street boys from the Business Society plus our guest band Transmitter. The BICS winner will be representing us at the National Awards on April 12th best of luck to our entrants.



Business Society win Best Society in NUI Galway
NUI Galway Society Award Winners 2012



Chris Moran wins Best Fresher at home and at BICS

Best Society (BICS)

Business Society

Most Successful

GUMS

Best Society Event (BICS)

Music Soc-Witless

Best Society Individual (BICS)

Choral Soc-Lily McGarry

Most Improved Society (BICS)

Engineering Society

Best New Society (BICS)

Lotus Soc

Best Fresher (BICS)

Dramsoc- Christopher Moran

Best Civic Contribution (BICS)

Feminist Soc

Best Website and Online Presence (BICS)

Business Society

Best Poster (BICS)

Dramsoc

Best Academic

Physics Soc

Best Cultural Contribution

Trad Soc-Irish Music Performances

Best Multimedia

S:TV-Michael Talty

Best Publication: Small, Newsletter, large

Cumann Soisialta-Nuachtlitir an Acadaimh (small)

Chess Soc-Knight's Atari (newsletter)

Biz Soc: - Business Review

Most ALIVE Society

Dramsoc

Best Photo

Paul O' Mahony-The Waves

Special Achievement Awards:**The 'Above and Beyond the Call of Duty' Award**

Laura Donnelly (Musical)

Abacus Award

Chemistry Soc

The 'Dogged Determination' Award

Thor Mc Veigh (Witless)

The Never a Dull Word Award

Lit & Deb Soc

The 'Events Guru' Award

Sean Burke (A & F Soc)

The 'Helping Hand' Award

Robin Allen (Comedy among others)

The Tremendous Award for Artistic endeavour

Lisa Grant (Fansci Izacon decorations)

You Light Up My Life Award

Ronan Gallagher (Dramsoc)

The Come Fly with me Award

Classics Soc

The Get out of Jail Free Award

Flac Soc

The Entente Cordiale

Michael Slevin (French Soc)

The Big Giant Failte Award

International Students Soc

The 'Lifetime Achievement' Award

Séagh MacSiúrdain (Various inc. Cumann Staire, Art Soc)

Society Outstanding Achievement Award

Nollaig O'Scannlain (Law Soc Euro Debates)

Press Release:

The NUI Galway Gala Society Awards 2012 took place in the Radisson Blu Hotel on March 27th. It was an evening of entertainment and celebration for the extraordinary contribution Societies make to campus life and the wider community. This year they have organised almost 4000 events of educational, cultural, social and humanitarian value and have enhanced the university experience for their fellow students while contributing to both the local community and the wider world. In the last eight years they have contributed over 1.5 million euro to charity. The 863 committee members have volunteered the equivalent working hours as 95 full time workers this year with a turnover of over one million euro which also makes their financial contribution to the local community significant. Speakers on the evening Deputy President An tOllamh Nollaig MacCongáill and Vice President for the Student Experience Dr Pat Morgan talked about the importance of Societies to campus life and praised all the student present for their hard work and the good example they set for their fellow students. Riona Hughes, Societies officer and the team in the SocsBox were also praised for their support and dedication to societies who in NUI Galway have support and facilities second to none in the third level sector. .

The recipients of the awards on the evening were as follows. The Business society who have had an extraordinary year picked up 3 awards, 'Best Society', 'Best On Line Presence' and 'Best Large Publication' for their Business review, Paul Curley, the Society Chairperson and incoming SU president in his acceptance speech spoke about the vital contribution societies make to students personal development. The Drama Society also scooped three awards: Best Poster, Best Photo for Paul O'Mahony and Best Fresher for Christopher Moran. Best individual went to Lily McGarry conductor of the choral Society. Most Improved Society went to the Engineering Society who reinvented themselves this year in conjunction with the opening of the new Engineering Building in addition to a packed programme of events they are sending over 30 students to Zambia with Habitat for Humanity. Best Society Event went to the Music & Ents Society and Rock Soc for their band competition Witless.. Best new society went to Lotus Society who have made yoga widely accessible to the student population. Best Civic Contribution went to Feminist Society, a new society who has made its presence felt on campus this year with a packed programme and some great awareness raising events. Best Academic Society went to Physics Society, Most Successful Society went to the Musical Society for their contribution to campus life, The Phoenix award went to An Cumann Craic, Best Multimedia went to Michael Talty and Film Society for their work on s:tv|Galway, Best Cultural Contribution went to Traditional Music Society, Two awards for publications went to Cumann Soisialta from the Acadamh for their Nuachtlitir an Acadaimh and Chess & Go Socs for their monthly publication Knight's Atari. The Muscailt Awards for contribution to the University Arts Week from the Arts Office went to the Musical Society, Photo Soc and Comic Book Society. The society to receive the ALIVE award for volunteering went to Dramsoc.

Special Achievement Awards on the evening also went to the following: Laura Donnelly (Musical Society), Chemistry Soc, Thor Mc Veigh, (Organiser of Witless), Timothy Morrow (Lit & Deb Society), Sean Burke (Accountancy and Finance Society) Robyn Allen for his

contribution to numerous societies, Lisa Grant (Art and Fansci Societies), Ronan Gallagher (Dramsoc), Classics Soc, FLAC Soc (Free Legal Advice Centre), Michael Slevin (French & Biz Soc), International Students Society, The 'Lifetime Achievement' Award went to Séagh MacSiúrdain and the Society Outstanding Achievement Award for his organisation of the Euro Debates last August went to Nollaig O'Scannlain.

Entertainment on the evening was provided Peter & Matthew Berrill, trumpet and Piano and Spanish guitarist Colm O'Rourke all from the Orchestra Society and recipients of a Society bursary for performance. The Sin n Tonics Choral Socs' accapella group under conductor Peter Mannion also performance bursary winners performed pop songs with their own special twist. They were joined on the night by performances from Juggling Soc, Trad Soc and Radio Soc's plus a special appearance by our very own NUIG 'Back Street Boys, whos video on YouTube has been a sensation raising €10,000 for charity Our winner will be representing us at the BICS National Awards which take place in Johnstown House Hotel on April 12th best of luck to our entrants. Riona Hughes, Societies officer commented on the evening 'The gala event this evening is a fitting celebration of the extraordinary dedication and commitment of the students involved in societies, not only do they make significant contributions to the campus and the wider community but what they learn as individuals prepares them to take their place in the world as contributing citizens and augurs well for all our futures' For information on NUI Galway societies see the website www.socs.nuigalway.ie.

Appendix 5 BICS National Society Awards



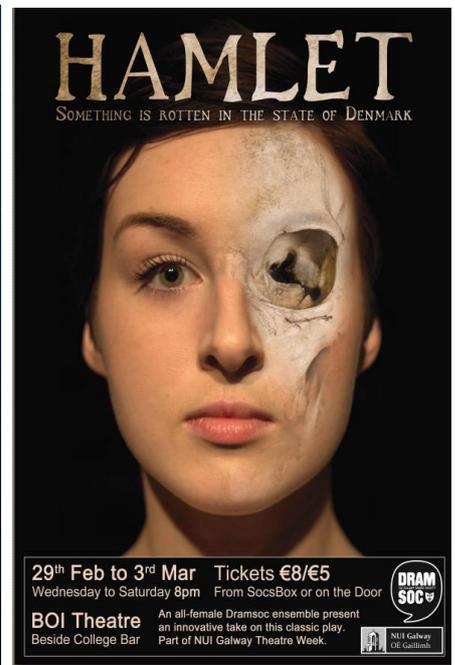
NUI Galway during the day at BICS



The NUI Galway team very happy at BICS with their 4 trophies



Lily McGarry NUI Galway with her trophy for best Society Individual in Ireland



Best Poster Designed by Matt Burke, NUI Galway Dramsoc

NUI Galway won 4 of the possible 9 awards bringing our awards tally to a total of 30 wins since the awards started in 1996, 8 more than our nearest competitor. NUI Galway won: Best Poster, Best Fresher, Best New Society and Best Individual. The 2012 BICS Awards were held in The Johnstown House Hotel on April 12th

The Results of the BICS National Awards:

Best Poster: NUIG Dramsoc

On-Line Presence: DCU Media Society

Fresher (Small):

Joint Winners

Laura O'Dowd ITTD

and Rachel Maher: DKIT

Fresher Large

Christopher Moran NUIG

Best Civic Contribution (Small)

One World MIC

Best Civic Contribution (Large)

Feminist Society NUIG

Best New Society (Small)

NCI TV

Best New Society (Large)

Raising and Giving Society DCU

Most Improved (small)

Anthropology Society NUIM

Most Improved (Large)

Out in UL UL

Best Individual (Small)

Katie Donohoe NCI

Best Individual (Large)

Lily McGarry NUIG

Best Event (Small)

Peer mentor & Business Societies: Boardroom Challenge NCI

Best Event College (Large)

SWOT Fashion QUB

Best Society

Media Society DKIT

Best Society Large

LGBT UCC

Appendix 6

Orientation Failte Fest

The Failte Fest Campus Challenge was coordinated by the Societies Office in conjunction with the many services who participated on the day. It was a day of welcome for the incoming first years to give them the opportunity to get to know us and each other.

The NUI Galway SU Sessions On Tour
4 Venues, 9 Bands & You!
An Bialann Stage:
2pm Seven Days, 3pm Juice, 4pm Fat Baby Panda
Friars Stage:
2pm The Profile, 4pm 21 Outs
The College Bar:
2pm The Statics, 3pm We Go Go, 4pm The Dead Flags
Bailey Allen Hall:
5.30pm Keywest

Don't forget:
Fresher's Fortnight Sept. 11th – 23rd
Clubs Day Sept 14th
Societies Day Sept 15th
Volunteer Week Sept 26th – 30th

Fáilte Fest Evening Events
5.30pm – 10pm

The Big Fáilte Ball
The NUI Galway SU Sessions present
Keywest
Bailey Allen Hall, 5.30pm – 8pm
Come straight from your challenge to the first big party of the year. Free pizza & soft drink for the first 500 completed books returned.

Variety Show
Hosted by GUMS Musical Soc
All performers welcome
iPod nano for the audience favourite First year
The Cube 6pm-8pm

College Bar
Welcome Party with DJ, 8pm

Socs Table Quiz
Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn 7pm-8:30pm
First prize: Win a College Bar Pizza Party for 20 friends. Includes 10 12" Signature Pizza and Refreshments from the Pizza Menu.

Films in Áras na Mac Léinn

Limitless
Starring Bradley Cooper - a man develops superhuman abilities after taking a new drug.
X-Men: First Class
Unveils the epic beginning of the X-Men Saga, one of the most well-known and highest grossing superhero blockbuster trilogies.
Beastly
Beastly - Starring Mary-Kate Olsen and Alex Pettyfer, an edgy teen romance and a hyper modern retelling of Beauty and the Beast.
Hanna
A 16 year old assassin goes on a mission in Europe. Starring Saoirse Ronan.

Hosted by Film Soc
Large Acoustic Room: 5.30pm
The Space: 6.30pm
The Large Acoustic: 7.30pm

Watch out for your SU College Convenors (Arts, Science, Engineering etc) in the relevant buildings and Sign up for your SU card.

Freshers' Fáilte Fest

ALIVE

Sports Clubs
Societies

Chaplaincy
Catering
Mature Students
Student Services
Green Campus

Students' Union
Careers

Health
Library
Disability
FiRT FM
Counselling

Arts Office
Mentors

Games
Film
Dance
Prizes

Sports
Music
Theatre
Freebies

Campus Challenge

Sunday September 11th from 2pm – 9pm

How to do the challenge

Today is a fantastic opportunity to check out the great extracurricular opportunities and support services on campus. Wander around, call in and meet the people, take up the challenges, collect the stickers, eat lots of free food and most of all, have fun!

At each event you participate in or place you visit will get you a sticker. Affix the stickers on the back page. All the challenges take place from 2pm – 5pm unless otherwise stated.

Collect **six stickers** of each colour and be entered in the **Big Draw**. **Information desks** can be found at Áras na Mac Léinn, The Sports Complex Kingfisher Club, Áras Uí Chathail and the new Engineering Building. Open from 1pm to 5.00pm.

Return your completed booklets to the front desk in Áras na Mac Léinn by 5.30pm to be in the draw. Winners will be announced at 8pm in the Bailey Allen Hall.

The first 500 completed booklets (all 30 stickers) returned get a voucher for pizza, salad and a soft drink in the Bailey Allen Hall at the Big Fáilte Ball available from 6pm.

Big Draw

- 22" LCD TV & DVD Combo (Sponsored by NUIG Student Services)
- Netbook (Sponsored by NUIG Student Services)
- 1 Year Kingfisher Club Gym Membership (Sponsored by Kingfisher)
- €150 on your SU Card to spend at SU Shop, Smokey's Café, The Wall Café or College Bar (Sponsored by NUIG SU)
- 20 Free College Bar Carvery Dinners (a month's worth) on your SU Card (Sponsored by NUIG SU)
- Epson Multi Function Office Machine (Sponsored by NUIG Societies)
- €60 Voucher for a Wash, Cut & Macadaemia Conditioning Treatment from Pink Hairdressing (sponsored by www.livingitup.ie discount website)
- €50 Voucher for Royal Villa Chinese Restaurant (above Aquantium in Salthill) (sponsored by www.livingitup.ie discount website)
- 2 Afters Tickets to the Arts Ball (February) (Sponsored by NUIG Societies)
- 2 Afters Tickets to the Commerce Ball (January) (Sponsored by NUIG Societies)
- 4 tickets to the annual NUI Galway Musical (Feb.) (Sponsored by NUIG Societies)
- 40 Free Tea/Coffees on your SU Card for use at either SU Shop, Smokey's Café, The Wall Café or College Bar. (Sponsored by NUIG SU)
- Free swimming and class passes to the Kingfisher (Sponsored by Kingfisher)
- GAA team kit. (Sponsored by NUIG Clubs)
- Free session on the cages/five-a-side. (Sponsored by NUIG Clubs)

BLUE

Services	Challenge & Venue
Career Development Centre Arts Science Building (blue doors off the Concourse) Áras Uí Chathail	Collect your free candy floss or popcorn at the Career Development Centre in the Arts Science Building
Health Promotion	Join the Party with Live Music bongos with Niall Curran and free food provided by Wards Deli. Activate your My StudentBody account. Room 104 Finnegan Suite, Áras Uí Chathail
Student Contact Centre Áras Uí Chathail (ground floor)	Find out what the Student Contact Centre does. Get your free goodies and be in the draw for a Wii console (and Wii Sports, Wii Sports Resort, complete with Motion Plus!)
Health Promotion	Check your alcohol intake by taking the e-PUB challenge McKenna Suite, Room 104 in Áras Uí Chathail
Student Services	Pick up your 10 tips for success at the Student Services desk Áras Uí Chathail – (first floor)
Library	Collect info on upcoming library orientation at main library desk

Green

Service	Challenges & Venue
Chaplain	Mass in the Chapel at 1pm. Baroque & Live Music in the chapel garden. Plus Facebook sign-up & Freebies from 1.45pm
Student Counseling	Pick up your free <i>Wispá</i> and find out where the Counselling Service is, in case you or your mates ever need it! – No. 5 Distillery Road
ALIVE (outside the library)	"Yeehaw!" Embrace your inner cowboy/cowgirl and compete to be the roughest, toughest in the whole west. The West of Ireland that is! Plus put your hand print on the boulevard of fame and leave your mark.
Friars (Cairnes Building)	Lots of goody bags and great promotions plus The SU Sessions present live music from The Profile and 21 Outs .
Camara Soc Distillery Road	'Swift & Sour' Garden Party with homemade lemonade, Wii games in their drop off point in O'Halloran house. (last bungalow on Distillery Rd.)
Green Campus Áras na Mac Léinn Foyer	Meet NUI Galway's Environmental Manager and Reps from Green Campus Team. Use your pedal power to make a fruit smoothie. Register for 'car share' website and win a prize. Plus do the 'know your waste competition'.
Engineering Soc – New Engineering Building	Join the Engineering society at their stand in the foyer for games: Prizes for the winners in remote control car racing fastestime, protect the egg challenge, Mini Jenga to put your structural support abilities to the test, Rubix Cube challenge for the fastest time and Cargo Bridge engineering computer game. Plus hop on the giant inflatable wrecking ball outside the building.
A & F Stand Cairnes Building	Call to the Accountancy & Finance Socs stand. The first 200 will get a free A & F discount card full of great deals. The first 100 to answer a question get a ticket to the NUIG Pink Party at Halo on Wed 14 th Sept. plus lots of freebies

Yellow

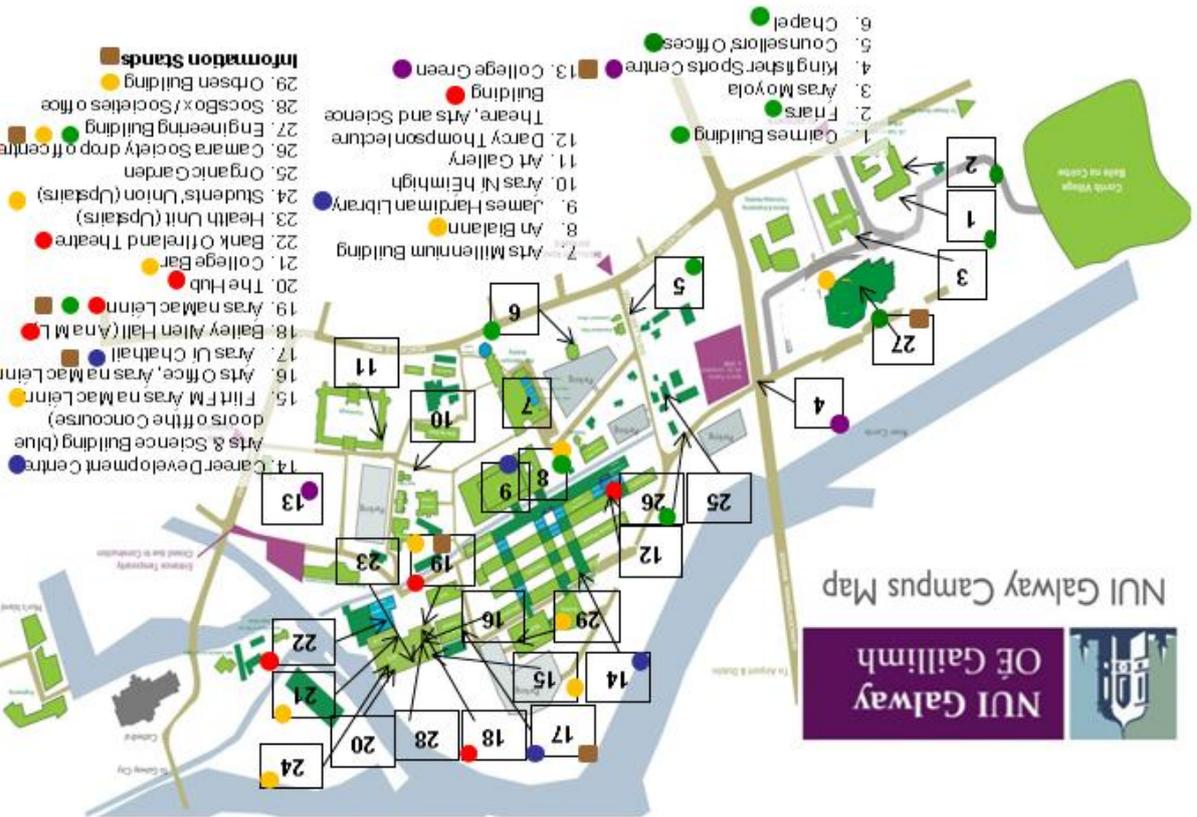
Services	Challenge & Venue
Students' Union Áras na Mac Léinn (upstairs)	Call into our office for a chance to win an iPad2 sponsored by Confused.com
College Bar	The SU Sessions present live music from The Statics, We Go Go and The Dead Flags.
ALIVE (outside New Engineering Building)	ALIVE Ice-cream Van the first 99 99s are free!
Arts Office Áras na Mac Léinn	See the works of art and answer the question to be in with a chance to win a framed Galway Arts Festival Poster.
Flirt FM Áras na Mac Léinn	Flirt Shout Out Visit the Flirt FM studios to record a shout out (which will go out on air the following week), sign up to volunteer and be in with a chance to win a Flirt hoodie or t-shirt. To get your creative juices going there'll be treats on site throughout the day. So come down to see us and have your best radio voice ready!
An Bialann, Subway, Starbucks	Free Cookie with any Starbucks Coffee. Collect Vouchers for even more savings. The SU Sessions present live music from Seven Days, Jupe and Fat Baby Panda.
Mature Students Orbsen Building	Drop into the party and mingle, tea, biscuits and music by singer/guitarist Donna Carroll! Plus Bouncy Castle and movies: 'Rango' IT125 2pm & 'Winnie the Pooh' IT250 3pm for the children.

Purple

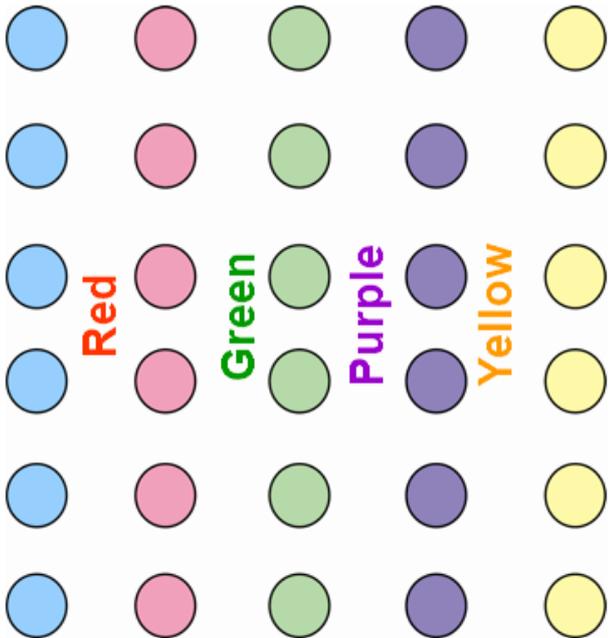
Venue	Activity
Pappa Johns Pizza	Mostly in the Sports Centre & shuttle bus to Dangan
Sports Hall 1	Pappa Johns Pizza will be giving surprise tasting all throughout the day in the Kingfisher and Dangan
Sports Hall 2	Hockey demonstrations 1pm – 3pm, 5-a-side 3pm – 5pm - a chance get involved.
Sports Hall 3	Giant Rugby inflatable – take the challenge.
Dance Studio	Ski & Snow Sports demo & video 1pm – 3pm, Marshal Arts demo 3pm – 5pm
Climbing Wall	Taster sessions in the Dance studio for spinning classes, Zumba – the latest craze in Dance - and Boot camp; watch, have a go. Sessions every 15 mins.
Pool	Mountaineering Club explains the art of climbing. 2pm – 4pm
Info Desk	Sub Aqua diving 1pm – 3pm, Kayak club demos 3.30pm – 5pm
Dangan Pavilion (shuttle busses)	Entrance Hall - info on the clubs and a tour of the Kingfisher Gym
College Green (in front of Quad)	Photo exhibition of field sports, tours of the pavilion, a guess-who competition. Refreshments and free food.
Corrib River	Soft ball invitation game, all welcome. UL will be offering a challenge match.
Sports Green	Get collected at the green opposite the Kingfisher Gym every 15min for a trip down the Corrib in the RIB.
	Frisbee on the green opposite the Kingfisher & Ski and Snow Sports the Big Look' - come and play your part.

Red

Foyer	Challenge	Mostly in Áras na Mac Léinn
Bailey Allen Hall	Juggle & Poi - Learn to juggle - Juggling Society Cake Sale for GSPCA with Zoo Soc	
Meeting Room	• Join the societies on the inflatable bungee run and obstacle course • Gladiator – can you beat your opponent? Faster, stronger, and more to say!! – Literary & Debating • Settlers of Catan, Dominion, Steve Jackson Games. – Fan Sci • Nyanicom Tournament - Anime & Manga	
Outside	Take part in the Ninja challenge - BaCon Society	
Lg Acoustic Room	Giant Chess - Chess Society Relax at the picnic - Christian Union	
The Cube	PS3 Guitar Hero challenge – Music & Ents Soc	
The View	Under Sea Experience chill out in the magical under water world - Marine Society	
Art Room	Have the craic with classic cartoons and tea and biccies! The tea and biccies will never end... – Comic Book Soc	
The Stage	Paint a Mural - Art Society Check out our art room and help paint a huge mural!	
The Hub/Wellness centre: ALIVE Downstairs Áras na Mac Léinn	Eco Space – stop off for free tea and treats, find out about our activities and trips planned for the year to come! Tall bike, cycle soundsystem and prizes for the best 'one step change' suggestion! Experience all the Hub has to offer and rest up on a comfy chair. Visit the Health Promotion Wellness room in the Hub for an outpouring of free juice for all and make your mark with ALIVE fingerprint. Meet a Mentor and have a chat with free tea and snacks.	
The Space	Compsoc will demo one of their member's revolutionary 3D printer, creating amazing models right before your eyes, not to be missed. Plus find out all about the Computer society. - Comp Soc	
Livingitup.ie sign up Foyer, Áras na Mac Léinn	Signup for the livingitup discount website and be in a draw for: 10 Hot Yoga sessions, Indian Head & Shoulder Massage, Horse Riding Lesson or 18 holes of Golf. Check out facebook page 'LivingitUp' and anyone who 'likes' it is entered into a weekly draw for a prize.	
Bank of Ireland Theatre (Beside Áras na Mac Léinn)	Improv Theatre Session – Dramsoc Performances & games and baked goodies - unleash your dramatic side or just pop in and watch the fun.	
Societies on the Concourse	Trad Soc Session at Smokey's. FLAC Soc - Find out about their Free legal Advice Clinics and check out the action at their celebrity mock court in the Darcy Thompson Lecture Theatre (BOI end)	
Alumni Stand Concourse	Call to the Alumni Office Stand, find out what they are all about and be in the draw for a camera to start making your college memories.	



Sticker Page
Blue



Name _____

ID No. _____

Mobile No. _____

Home Town _____

To be in the Big Draw

Get all your blue, red, green, purple & yellow stickers and affix on this page to be in with a chance to win a prize. Return your completed book to the Info Desks in Áras na Mac Léinn by 5.30pm 11/9/2011.

Winners announced at 6pm in The Bailey Allen Hall, winners will also receive a text. The first 500 completed booklets (all 30 stickers) returned get a voucher for pizza and a soft drink in the Bailey Allen Hall at the Big Fáilte Ball available from 6pm.

Appendix 7 Themed Weeks

The Societies participate in the many themed weeks organised by the Students Union, in Muscail and the Societies Office Organised 2 weeks, Music in semester one and Theatre in Semester two plus a month long Festival in July.

Music Week

Music Week ran from November 14th – 18th and is a Societies Office production. The week included a music show case with a food fair from the international societies, The final of NUIG's Got Talent organised by the Musical Society, plus a variety of music themed events see the full programme below.

NUIG Galway **Socs' Music Week**
Nov 14th – 18th 2011

Monday 14th
Mega Musical
Munchie Monday
Bailey Allen Hall, 6.00pm.
Join us to launching music Week: If music be the food of love... sample cuisine from around the world presented by our many international societies, our food societies and our friends in SU Catering with music from Dj Soc, Orchestra Society, Music & Ents Soc Bands and performance from Dansoc. An all singing, all dancing, all eating evening with loads of international food, cabaret style seating, great music, beverages and full bar. Tickets €2

Tuesday 15th
NUIG's Got Talent
Grand Final
Bailey Allen Hall, 6.30pm.
With €1000 up for grabs for the winner, a night of amazing talent including dinner, a full bar and your voting card for the all important audience vote. Tickets €10

Gavin James & the Problematics
An Bialann, 6pm.
The SU Sessions present the original three piece rock/pop/folk band from Dublin, with a new EP being released in December.

J Pop/J Rock Night!
Large Acoustic Room, 8pm.
Anime and Manga Society host a Japanese Pop and Rock Music Disco! Maybe even Karaoke too! Plus free refreshments.

Trad Soc Session
The Crane Bar from 9.30pm.
Foot tapping fun guaranteed.

Wednesday 16th
Music Bingo
Dail Bar, Cross Street, 7.30pm.
Microsoc Music Table Quiz, great prizes. Tickets €5

College Bar Open Mic
College bar, 9pm.
Join hosts Laura and JD, sign-up and sing and a prize for the winner.

Thursday 17th
Tower of Song
The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn, 1pm.
Arts in Action concert featuring singer/songwriter Jimmy Monaghan of Dead Birds joined by Cian Finn and Rory Bowens.

Interstella 555
IT250, 7pm.
Anime and Manga Soc present the anime movie based on a Daft Punk's album!

Gentleman Juggler
Olivier Gaigart
Bailey Allen hall, 6pm.
A talk on the history of juggling followed by a mesmerising performance.

Choral, Trad & Rock Soc
Bailey Allen Hall, 8pm.
Concert with the three societies who join forces for an evening of great music showcasing their talents.

Blind Date
College Bar, 7pm.
Will love stories begin at Music & Ents 'Blind Date' based on the 70's TV show? Plus DJ.

DJ Soc Birthday Party
The Bierhaus, Domnick Street, 9.30pm.
Celebrating a year of music with CTRL +ALT + REPEAT, DJs Colin Finnegan and Allan Bell will be playing a back to back set of all the stand out songs.

www.socs.nuigalway.ie

Socs Music Week

Nov 14th – 18th 2011

Throughout the Week

Music Photography Exhibition

Monday 14th – Friday 18th

Áras na Mac Léinn Foyer

Photo Soc host a photographic exhibition by their members of everything music related.

Dramsoc Play: Rewind

Tuesday 15th – Friday 18th, 8pm.

Bank of Ireland Theatre

Rewind by Claudia O'Sullivan is a story told through music and dance about the choices we make and how they affect not only ourselves but the people around us.

Tickets €5/€8

Music Week Busking

Monday 14th & Wednesday 16th, 12.30pm – 3pm.

Organised by Music & Ents Society watch out for the musicians in various location around campus collecting for charity Voices for Galway.

Music Week poster Sale

Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th Áras na Mac Léinn Foyer from 10am

Great poster selection, decorate your walls or get Xmas presents early.

Music @ the Movies with Film Soc

Áras Ui Chathail Lecture Theatre

The Producers Tuesday 15th, 7pm

Comedy with Matthew Broderick & Uma Thurman about a get-rich-quick scheme to put on the worlds worst Broadway musical.

Nowhere Boy Wednesday 16th, 8pm

Chronicles the early years of John Lennon starring Aaron Johnson.

Control Thursday 17th, 7pm

Profile of Ian Curtis, the enigmatic singer of Joy Division.

Friday 18th

Arts in Action Traditional Music Concert

The Bailey Allen Hall, 1pm.

Lunch time concert featuring renowned Irish traditional musicians Máirtín O'Connor, Frankie Gavin and Carl Hession.

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Information & Tickets from The SocsBox, Áras na Mac Léinn, 091 492852.

Admission to events free unless otherwise stated. Music Week is a Societies Office Production

Information correct at time of going to print check website for updates.

Múscailt

Ran from February 6th – 10th and is coordinated by the Arts Office and featured numerous Society Events. There were two Society exhibitions Photosoc Focus 2012 and Art Society 'Derelict' Exhibition. The 'Witless Band Competition' and Band Showcase with Rock Soc and Music & Ents Society. Film showings from Film Society and Anime and Manga Society. A concert with Trad, Choral and Orchestra Societies. A 24 hour Comicbook event with Comic Book Society & Art Soc. Juggling show from the Juggling Society. Dramsoc production 'A Clean House' and the musical Societies production of 'Spring Awakening' in the Town Hall Theatre. See the programme below.



Múscailt
FÉILTE EALAÍON | ARTS FESTIVAL

6 – 10 FEBRUARY | FEABHRA 2012

NUI Galway
OE Gaillimh

Illumination

Solais

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Solais - Welcome

An tUachtarán / President Dr. James Browner: Féilte romhainn go léir chuig Féilte Múscailt in OE Gaillimh. Déis atá san Rholle Ealaíon seo do mhic léinn, do chomhaltaí fóinne, do alumni agus don phobal suit agus taitneamh a bhaint as cúlú (lá de chuid, dáimhocht agus eolaíocht ar an gcampus. Tá sárchead isteach ag na himreachtáir a fuid beagnadh.

The 12th Múscailt Arts Festival at NUJ Galway invites all students, staff, alumni and the public to enjoy a week of art, music and performance on campus. This year's festival hosts Irish and international artists who have been inspired by the theme of 'Illuminations / Solais', with special guests Sínead Albridge, Anthony J. Faulder-Mawson Artist in Residence Marcella MacLennan, Yann Frisch, Galway Ensemble in Residence, Contempo Quartet, and pianist Rolf Hind. Students are contributing with GUMS's Spring Awakening and shows from JugglingSoc, Dramsoc, OrchestraSoc and ArtsSoc. Múscailt is organised by the Arts & Theatre Office at NUJ Galway.

Óifigeach Ealaíona / Arts Officer Fionnuala Gallagher: Cumisdom tóma na bliana seo, Solais, maidim smuainte ó gach chead eolaíche. Beidh Múscailt 2012, grúdaíocht agus spóilí agus beidh neart deiseanna tairgimhíochta, doimhneacht agus aineolas le linn na seachtaine. Tá féilte roimh dhéach a bheith páirteach agus tá fóirniú na n-imeachtaí saor in áiteach.

Our theme this year, 'Illumination/Solais', represents a bursting forth of ideas from all of the art forms. Múscailt 2012 will be provocative and fun and there is room for interaction, debate and feedback throughout the week. **Everyone is welcome to participate and most events are free of charge.**

Tickets & Information

Tickets available from the **SocsBox, Aras na Mac Léinn**. Information from **Múscailt Desk, Foyer of Aras na Mac Léinn**. See website for programme details, changes and updates. — www.muscailt.nuigalway.ie

The Múscailt Team Thanks:

Mairling and Communications Office, Buildings Office, Visual Art Advisory Group, The Socsbox, Music For Galway all of the Artists and participating Societies, Print That, Caroline Loughmane, Riona Hughes, Security, all of our volunteers.

Artistic Director: Fionnuala Gallagher
Festival Admin: Deirdre Lydon
Exhibition Coordinator: Marina Wild
Production Manager: James Fleming
Graphic/Web Design: Shannon Reeves

TIME	MONDAY 6 FEB	TUESDAY 7 FEB	WEDNESDAY 8 FEB	THURSDAY 9 FEB	FRIDAY 10 FEB
11	Opening: Deep Sea Deep Space	Opening: Sacred Space, Porous Place (Arts Millennium Building Foyer)	Visual Arts Tour: starts at Múscailt Desk	Special Event: Book Launch Showcase (fiction and poetry by staff & alumni)	Visual Arts Tour: starts at Múscailt Desk
12	Performances: Míse Soáil Cailín	Opening: On Glass... (Glass Bridge, Microbiology Dept. ↔ Orbsen Bdg.)	Special Event: 5 Proposals for Art on Campus Projections	Films: Huston Film School presents	Special Event: 5 Proposals for Art on Campus Projections
1	Opening: Of Aves and Zoophytes (Zoology Museum, Martin Ryan Institute)	Talk: 'Musicians and Mindfulness' (Rolf Hind)	Music: Rí Seisín Trad Music concert	Performance: Monologues Solo Show	Performance: Múscailt Finale with Contempo & reception
2		Workshop: Origami Special Event: Scavenger Hunt	Film: Odd Man Out		VENUES ● Aras na Mac Léinn ● Art Gallery, Quadrangle ● Aula Maxima ● Bailey Allen Hall (Aras na Mac Léinn) ● Bank of Ireland Theatre ● College Bar ● Other (as specified) ● Town Hall Theatre
3			Special Event: 24 hour Comic Book Challenge Begins	Special Event: 24 hour Comic Book is published	
4	Opening: Origami Installation	Artist Presentations: 'Stop Making Sense - Play Haco' (Sínead Albridge)	Artist Presentations: Start the Snowball Rolling (Anthony J. Faulder-Mawson)		
6		Special Event: Poetry Slam with MC Rete Mulheaux Performance: Hip Hop TIIU Drop	Performance: Hip Hop TIIU Drop	Special Event: 5 Proposals for Art on Campus Projections	
7	Openings: 'Derelict' and 'Focus2012', live music, events, reception and guest Sínead Albridge	Films: with Filmsoc (Aras Uí Chathail)		Films: with Filmsoc (Aras Uí Chathail) Films: with Anime & Manga Society (O'Leary Theatre, Concourse)	
	Films: Films by local filmmakers	Music: Rolf Hind Debussy and beyond.	Films: with Filmsoc (Aras Uí Chathail)	Performance: Juggling Magician - Yann Frisch	Performance: The Clean House*
8	Music: Choroestrud Music: Band Showcase	Performances: with Anime & Manga Soc Performances: Spring Awakening (Musical)*	Performance: Spring Awakening (Musical)*	Performances: The Clean House* Performances: Spring Awakening (Musical)*	Performances: Spring Awakening (Musical)*
9		Music: Witless Final	Find event details under corresponding heading inside.	Performance: Spring Awakening (Musical)*	Performance: Spring Awakening (Musical)*

*The Clean House also Sat. In BOLI Spring Awakening also Sat. in Town Hall

Artists Talks & Workshops

Anthony J. Faulder Mawson: Start the snowball rolling. Anthony creates 3D light paintings and textured layers of sound and images. In a unique presentation this maverick artist reveals his intentions and progressions. Wednesday, 4pm, Art Gallery (the Quad).

Rolf Hind, pianist, presents an informal talk on *Musicians and Mindfulness*. In association with Music for Galway. Tuesday, 1pm, Aras na Mac Léinn. (See also concert 'Debussy and beyond', Tuesday 8pm, Aula M'aoimha)

Sinead Aldridge: Illustrated Lecture. *Stop Making Sense—Play Havoc* Sinead has been researching and giving informal presentations on contemporary protest art or the Aesthetics of Resistance during the past 12 months. Based in Berlin, Sinead will workshop with interested art students and then present an illustrated talk to the public entitled 'Stop Making Sense—Play Havoc' including student footage and participation. Tuesday, 4pm, Bank of Ireland Theatre. Workshop Tuesday at 11am in the Bank of Ireland Theatre.

Shannon Reeves: Origami Workshop Shannon is a graphic designer and multimedia artist living in Galway. In this hands-on workshop he shows how simple forms can be combined to create extraordinary shapes thanks to the innovations of renowned artists like Yami Yamazuchi, Thomas Hull and Carlos Leroy Cabrino. Tuesday, 2–3pm, Bank of Ireland Theatre.

Performance

Mise Scéal Caitlín. With beautiful puppetry, live music and animation Branar tell this simple magical and moving story of the night the little girl couldn't get to sleep and the adventure she had trying. *Mise Scéal Caitlín* is supported by the Arts Council and Aras na Gaeltachta and is produced in association with *Dialócht* and The Spinlars Network of Venues. Branar has had the pleasure of working with Espen Dektro of Deakkoort theatre, Norway as artistic consultant. For ages 7+, Monday, 12 noon, Bank of Ireland Theatre.

Dance Soc: Hip Hop Till U Drop. Dance Soc. will preview their newest Hip Hop routines and other styles in advance of the intervarsity competition at the end of February. Tuesday & Wednesday 6pm, Aras na Mac Léinn

Spring Awakening – Performed by Galway University Musical Society (GUMS). A new musical adaptation of the controversial 1892 German Play of the same name by Frank Wedekind with music by Duncan Sheik and book and lyrics by Steven Sater. A group of adolescents in 18th century Germany discover their sexuality and the consequences of their ignorance to a beautiful score ranging from punk to folk rock. Runs Tues–Sat 8pm in Town Hall Theatre. Tickets: €14/10, groups 68pp (4+), from the SocBox.org/website

The Clean House by Sarah Ruhl. Performed by Dramsoc, directed by Genevieve Tanczo. A dark comedy about loss, change and redemption. The play offers laughter as an antidote for the mess people typically make of love. It won the 2004 Susan Smith Blackburn Prize. Runs Thurs–Sat 8pm in Bank of Ireland Theatre. 2hrs 30mins. Tickets 69/5 from the SocBox.

Solo Show: Monologues. New written monologues of max. 5 minutes duration, performed live and judged on writing/performance and originality. Cash prize for winning monologue of €50

Juggling Magician - Yann Frisch. Juggling and magic join forces as guest artist Yann Frisch performs a superb magic manipulation act in the Bailey Allen Hall. Thursday, 8pm

Don't forget to check out the website for event details and updates!
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Special Events

"Derelict" Opening Reception: Guest artist Sinead Aldridge will open the exhibitions "Derelict" and "Focus 2012". Events, live music and refreshments. All welcome. Monday, 7pm, Aras na Mac Léinn.

Scavenger Hunts: How good are your scouting skills? Find out by finding the pieces of art in Rover Soc's fun-filled scavenger hunt around campus. Tuesday, registration at 2pm at the Múscailt Desk, Aras na Mac Léinn

Five Proposals for Art on Campus: Projections of ideas/ proposals for large-scale future artworks on the NUJ Galway campus from guest artists

Ben Geoghagan (Bailey Allen Hall)
Sinead Aldridge with Oscar Butler (Underpass of Quincentennial Bridge)
Anthony J. Faulder Mawson (Atrium of Aras na Mac Léinn)
Aengus McMahon (Architectural Impressions)
Jensen Van Dooren (New Engineering Building)
On show Wednesday 12 noon, Thursday 6pm, Friday 12 noon in Aras na Mac Léinn.

24 hr Comic Book Challenge by Comicsoc. Members of Comicsoc and others will plot, illustrate and produce their very own comic book. Finished copies will be sold in aid of charity. This challenge is inspired by comic aficionado Scott McCloud. See website for details. Begins Wednesday, 3pm, Aras na Mac Léinn; publication is at 3pm on Thursday (with refreshments).

Pop-up Sculptures: Cosmetic Skin from the Bin by Colours Street Theatre. Appearing at an event near you during Múscailt.

Book Launch Showcase Showcase of recently published fiction and poetry by staff and alumni of NUJ Galway including Dr. Lorna Shaughnessy, Dr. Dolores Stewart, Moya Roody and Rob Swaincock. Fulton, Thursday, 11am, Aras na Mac Léinn

Poetry Slam with MC Pete Mullineaux. Galway Art Centre's regular poetry slam moves to the Bank of Ireland student theatre for one night only for fun and cash prizes. Tuesday, 6pm, Bank of Ireland Theatre.

Film

Films by Local Filmmakers: Monday, 8pm, Aras na Mac Léinn
The Return of Johnny Paterson. Conceived and performed by James Fleming. Produced and directed by Finn Ardoin. 7 mins, B&W and colour.
Leaving Irony/Mama by Dieter Auner. 52 mins.

Filmsoc Presents: *
Tuesday, 7pm, Aras Uí Chathail
Wednesday 8pm, Aras Uí Chathail
Thursday 7pm, Aras Uí Chathail.

The Arts & Theatre Office presents: *Old Man Out* (classic movie), Wednesday 2pm, Aras na Mac Léinn.

Anime & Manga Soc Presents*
Tuesday, 8pm, Aras na Mac Léinn
Thursday, 7pm, Dillon Theatre, Concourse

Huston Film School Presents
New work by Huston Film School students of Production & Direction and Digital Media. Thursday, 12 noon, Aras na Mac Léinn.

*Film Timetable available at Múscailt Desk. Also see website.

Visual Arts

Visual Arts Tour: This guided tour of selected visual art installations and exhibitions starts at the Múscailt Desk in Aras na Mac Léinn at 11 am on Friday.

Deep Sea, Deep Space by Anthony J. Faulder Mawson. Video art piece with sound carpet created especially for SeaSky Festival 2011; "a hypnotic audio-visual journey from the dark depths of the ocean to the deeper dark of outer space." In University Art Gallery in the Quadrangle, Mon–Fri 11am–6pm. Opening with breakfast Monday, 11am.

Of Aras and Zoophytes: Artist-in-Residence Mariella MacLennan will exhibit work created during her current residency at The Zoology and Marine Biology Museum in the Martin Ryan Institute, Mon–Fri 9am–8pm. Opening Monday, 1pm.

Artsoc present 'Derelict': "Derelict" is inspired by the film *Zodiac* and by Dublinism and features art made of rubbish and found objects, seeking to represent the indelible spirit of The Protestor. Open Mon–Fri 8am–Midnight. Opening Monday, 7pm.

PhotoSoc present 'Focus 2012': showcasing PhotoSoc's work over the last year. Aras na Mac Léinn. Open Mon–Fri 8am–Midnight. Opening Monday, 7pm.

Múscailt presents 'Appearances': a group exhibition featuring work by various Múscailt artists as well as pieces from the University art collection and work by students of the Arts Office art classes. Aras na Mac Léinn. Open Mon–Fri 8am–Midnight.

Modular Origami: by Shannon Reeves with lighting by Matt Burke in foyer of Bank of Ireland Theatre. Open Mon–Fri 9am–8pm. Opening Monday, 4pm.

Sacred Space, Porous Place: work by nine former students of the MA in Art Therapy. The exhibition looks at the links between art therapy and art making and highlights the role the image plays in each practice as a vehicle for expression, of knowing the self and the world. Arts Millennium Building foyer. Mon–Fri 8am–10pm. Opening Tuesday, 11am.

"On glass..." Installation by Anthony J. Faulder Mawson on the glass bridge joining Microbiology and the Orban Building. Viewing from inside and outside. Mon–Fri 9am–6pm. Opening Tuesday, 12 noon.

Yarn Bombs knitting and crochet enthusiasts on campus create artworks for three public spaces, namely the lamp-post in the Quadrangle, The Tree outside Aras na Mac Léinn and the railings on the steps up to Aras Moyola.

Music

"Chorchestrat" NUJ Galway Orchestra, Choral Soc. and Trad Soc. perform on Monday at 8pm in the Aula M'aoimha.

Band Showcase: RockSoc and EntSoc/Music Soc. present Cotton Ball Three. Ginn Juice, R'n'Bs and Take the Stand. Monday, 8pm College Bar

Pianist Rolf Hind—Debussy and beyond... In association with Music for Galway. To celebrate the 150th birthday of French composer Claude Debussy, UK pianist Rolf Hind brings an imaginative recital programme entitled 'Debussy and beyond', to Galway, Tuesday 8pm, Aula M'aoimha. Tickets: €20/16/6 from Opus 11, No. 4 High Street, 091-589400, Music for Galway 091-705952, or www.titlle

Múscailt Finale in Association with Arts in Action presents 'Galway Music Residency—NUJ Galway Sponsor's Concert'. A special recital of much-loved classical music, performed by Galway Ensemble in residence. *Con Tempo*. Programme: *Ar* by J.S. Bach, Swan by Camille Saint-Saëns, and the exciting 'Finale' from the American Quartet by Antonín Dvořák, followed by reception.

Diploma in Traditional Music/Diplôme en Danse (Cártaí agus Seáitáil on Chloíoll Traidisiúna) Students present a showcase lunchtime concert, "Rí Saáin". Wednesday 1pm, The Cube, Aras na Mac Léinn

Wireless Student Band Competition Final in association with RodSoc and Music & EntSoc and the College Bar. Judges from the music industry and the public vote will decide the winner of recording time at the Forge Studios. Tuesday, 9pm, College Bar. See www.nuigcollegebar.com for details.

Theatre Week

The Societies Theatre which is organised by the Societies Office week ran from February 27th – March 2nd. The week featured the Jerome Hynes One Act Play Series which featured eight new one act plays, (this programme is directed by the Societies officer and is now in its eleventh year and has seen the birth of many new professional theatre companies), two Dramsoc productions, a radio play series with three new radio plays produced in association with Flirt FM. Events from Philosophy Society, Rock Soc Music & Ents Society and films from Film Soc with a theatrical theme. See details in the programme below.



NUI Galway Theatre Week

27th February
- 2nd March
2012

A Societies
production

Tickets and info from the
SocsBox,
Aras na Mac Léinn
091 492882
socsbox@socs.nuigalway.ie
www.socs.nuigalway.ie

Time	Monday 27th Feb.	Tuesday 28th Feb.	Wednesday 29th Feb.	Thursday 1st March	Friday 2nd March
12.30	Theatre Week Launch				
13:00	Radio Plays	Albee Afternoon: A Delicate Balance (1.10)	One Act play Series	One Act play Series	One Act play Series
14:00	Plato Reading				
15:20		Albee Afternoon: Who is Afraid of Virginia Wolf?			
18:00					One Act play Series
19:00		Film: looking for Richard	Film: Golddiggers One Act Play Series	Film: The Ides of March One Act Play Series	
19:30	Vagina Monologues	Vagina Monologues			
20:00		Music Showcase	Hamlet	Hamlet	Hamlet

Theatre Week celebrates Film

Film Soc present 3 films on a theatrical theme all in Aras Uí Chathail Lecture Theatre

Looking for Richard

(1996) Directorial debut by Al Pacino, a documentary film containing interviews, analysis of & performances of selected scenes from William Shakespeare's Richard III. This film explores Shakespeare's continuing significance and relevance to the modern world. Tuesday 28th Feb @ 7pm

Golddiggers of 1933

(1933) Classic pre-Hollywood Code musical comedy, following the lives of a struggling Broadway troupe in the middle of the Great Depression. Wednesday 29th Feb @ 7pm

The Ides of March (2011)

Set in the world of American political intrigue and scandal a tale of the loss of ideals. Nominated for an Oscar for best adapted screen play from 'Farragut North' by Beau Williman. Directed and starring George Clooney and stars with Ryan Gosling & Paul Giamatti Thursday 1st March @ 7pm

Albee Afternoon

Award winning American playwright Edward Albee's famous plays on the big screen. Tuesday 28th February in the Large Acoustic Room, Aras na Mac Léinn.

Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolf? @ 1.10pm

(1966) A bitter aging College professor & his wife (Richard Burton & Elizabeth Taylor) with the help of alcohol, use a young couple to fuel anguish and emotional pain in this taut drama.

A Delicate Balance @ 3.20pm

(1973) The sister who drank too much. The daughter who divorced too much. They're all there when Tobias and Agnes have their little get-together and tear apart. Katharine Hepburn and Lee Remick

Jerome Hynes One Acts Play Series

8 new plays, performed 3 times in 3 days all in with a chance to win the Jerome Hynes trophy for best play.

The Newborn

Writer: Robert Higgins. Director: Mycah Artis
Mickey is a young Dublin lad who has become a father before he is ready. Lets just say he reacts rather.... badly.

Mojitos

Writer: Siobhan Phinney. Director: Eve O'Mahony
Two middle-aged sisters clash at their mother's month's minds and while uncovering regrets begin a journey of renewal.

Rose Spreckles

Writer: Kathryn Reynolds. Director: Genevieve Taricco
Anne, an adopted child, who goes in search of the truth about where she came from in this bittersweet tale of family, born and made - and how we choose to deal with the cards we are dealt.

Ahhhh Lad!!

Writer: Patrick O'Byrne. Director: Gráinne Lynch
Come to New York for Paddy's Day to be fucked and have a session with Jack and Tommy - Ahhhh Lad sure what else would you be doin'??!

11 Dings

Writer: Eric Hanley. Directors: Conor Maloney, Paul MacCarrick & Shaun Leonard

Four siblings obligated to attend a family reunion share a subway journey, and find it hard to escape dealing with their grievances and grudges with one another.

3rd Time Lucky

Writer: Paul MacCarrick. Director: Many Conroy
Two friends who know each other too well for their own health and safety wait for their conversation to plummet out of existence while waiting by a bus stop.

Cathleen Ní Houlihan 2: The Berlin Decision

Writer: Shaun Leonard. Director: Paul MacCarrick
In a small Irish cottage a family prepares for the marriage of their eldest son, though they are soon interrupted by argument and the arrival of a strange Old Woman.

Laughter is the Best Medicine

Writer: Christopher Moran, Director: Joe Power
A failed comedian / children's entertainer, Charles, & his wife, Edith, are going through tough times in their marriage. Nothing a little trickling of the funny bone can't fix.

One Act Times:

Wed Feb 29th @ 1pm

The Newborn & Mojitos

Wed Feb 29th @ 7pm

Rose Spreckles, Ahhh Lad!! & Cathleen Ní Houlihan 2: The Berlin Decision

Thur March 1st @ 1pm

11 Dings, Ahhh Lad!! & Cathleen Ní Houlihan 2: The Berlin Decision

Thur March 1st @ 7pm

The Newborn, Mojitos, Laughter is the Best Medicine & Cathleen Ní Houlihan 2: The Berlin Decision

Friday March 2nd @ 1pm

Laughter is the Best Medicine, Rose Spreckles & 3rd Time Lucky

Friday March 2nd @ 6pm

Omnibus edition, all 8 plays, followed by awards ceremony

All shows in the Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn

Tickets 1pm. €3 / €5, 7pm €5 / €8 Omnibus €8 / €10

Series Director: Riona Hughes, Series Coordinator: John Rogers.

Tech Team: Mick Byrne & Helen McFarlane, Thanks to Patrick Loneragan, Thomas Conway, Fionnuala Gallagher, Tara Mc Keivitt, the judges and all in the SocsBox.

Dramsoc's Productions

Hamlet

Eleven actors want to tell you a story. Before they're done, five people will have been murdered, two will have gone insane, two been killed by accident and one, apparently, through suicide. Along the way, you will see ghosts, sex and madness; greed, blood..... But it's a good one.

Wed Feb 29th— Sat 3rd March @ 8pm.

Bank of Ireland Theatre

Tickets €5 / €8

Vagina Monologues

Eve Ensler's heart-breaking provoking and often hilarious monologues based on interviews with over 200 women seeks to raise awareness about violence against women and also to celebrate women's sexuality. In aid of Galway Rape crisis centre

Mon Feb 27th—Tue Feb 28th @ 7.30pm,

The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn



Radio Play Series

Will and Judy

Written and Directed by Liz Quinn
Set in a FAS office with plastic plants and bad lighting, Will & Judy is the story of an unlikely friendship.

Cast: Will: Aron Hegarty, Judy: Liz Quinn,

Mad as Birds

Written and Directed by Laura Ann Caffrey
Explores issues of intimacy, creativity & mental illness & their effect on the relationship of two young lovers.

Cast: Viv: Olivia Snider as Viv, Alan: Paul McCarrick

Cake

Written and Directed by Eve O'Mahony
Two childhood friends meeting on in one fateful night. Old secrets and new ones are confided with devastating results. Cast: Ulysses: Patrick O'Byrne, Lily: Eve O'Mahony. The Series is Produced and Edited by Paula Healy, Flirt FM.

Theatre Week Flash Mob

Be part of the wedding party and see the bride and groom joined in a marriage of inconvenience, toast their unholy union... The bride has been a little careless with her dowry, was it theft or just the romance of the moment? Whoever someone is going to be out of pocket. This is FEES first foray into the realms of theatre and they need your help. Keep an eye around campus as it may come to an empty space near you. Check out Facebook .com/feegalway for your invitation.

Theatre Week Celebrates Music

Witless Showcase

featuring a highlights reel from the Grand Final 2012, Disco, the cream of this year's final and a sprinkling of previous winners! Not alone is it another chance to see Skyboy, The Rusty Fixtures and Gearbox, it is a chance to experience what the champions from days gone by have to offer in what promises to be another momentous night. Theatre week is all about performance....and there will be no lack of that at the Witless Showcase!!

Tues 28th Feb. @ 8pm, College Bar Admin Free.

Plato's Republic

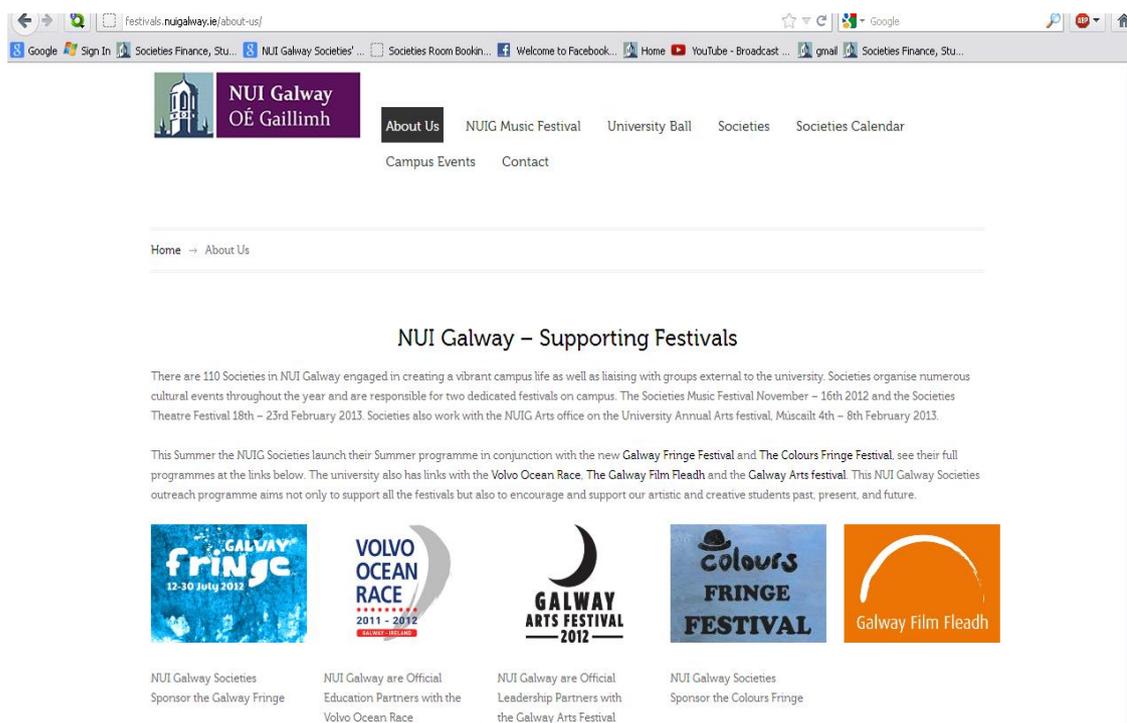
A philosophical discussion of justice written over 2,000 years ago is brought to life by Philosophy, Drama Soc and Classics Socs. Key excerpts will be read with breaks for refreshments and dialogue. Hierarchy, civil rights, justice in the state, happiness, wealth and poverty are some of the ideas that are involved. Followed by a Toga Party in the College Bar. Monday 27th Feb 2pm—8pm. The View, Áras na Mac Léinn

Appendix 8

Societies Summer Arts Programme

Áras na Mac Léinn was a hub of creativity this summer as many of the societies and students of the university stepped into the limelight throughout the summer festival season. The new Cube Theatre played host to events in both Colours Festival and the new Galway Fringe Festival. NUI Galway Dramsoc was very busy with their high energy productions in the Galway Fringe of 'Rewind' and the Photographic Society were part of the Volvo Ocean Race art trailers with 'Caught in the Act' their creative photographic exhibition that ran for the month of July featuring work from Photo Soc members. Many of the new NUI Galway Alumni Theatre companies and recent drama graduates also performed to enthusiastic audiences. In total there were 15 productions as part of the Summer programme many of them new work.

The aim of the new Website festivals.nuigalway.ie with links to all the major Arts Festivals in the city was to put NUI Galway at the heart of the cultural scene in Galway. We ran our own events here as part of Colours fringe and the New Galway Fringe. We organised a childrens art competition which saw 64 pieces of art mounted on poles on a trail from the city centre on to campus advertising our events and promoting the new Cube Theatre as a venue. The purpose of this was to link the University with the city in a tangible way and also promote the Cube Theatre as a recognised brand name in the city arts scene. Brochures and posters were widely distributed, we contacted all the festivals and also promoted thir events on campus and successfully got good press coverage for the Summer programme. All this publicity and promotion of the new Student Theatre will in turn promote the societies and students productions to the city and encourage people to come on to campus during term time to support the students artistic events. The second aim was to provide the recently graduating students and the playwrights who participated in the Jerome Hynes One Act Play Series with the opportunity to see their work performed professionally. In preparation for the initiative a number of students and members of the Socsbox team attended a master class given by a former Director of the Edinburgh Festival in festival organising in Derry at the end of May as part of AOIFE. In Edinburgh the University plays a key role in the Fringe Festival and there is no reason that in the coming years NUI Galway could not emulate that success.



Screen grab of the new websites 'about us' page



Facebook promoting the Cube Theatre

Colours FRINGE FESTIVAL 2nd – 6th July

Children's Theatre Days
 Join the story tellers in their Celtic twilight world for tales of great heroes and their extraordinary adventures.
 The Cube Theatre, Áras na Mac Léinn, NUI Galway.
 2nd – 6th July at 12pm (60minutes)
 Tickets €5 (one adult with 4 children gets in free)

Heroes, Horses and Very Wise Fish?
 Discovering Drama workshop for 5-10 year olds, children will play games to unleash their dramatic creativity. The children are to bring a packed lunch.
 This can only be booked as part of the full day package.*

Children's Theatre Experience
 Truth Fairy - Enchantment Inc.
 Things are not quite what they seem in fairyland, who is the puppet master and what is the truth behind the stories. Inspired by Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes, for 5 years +
 The Cube Theatre, NUI Galway 2nd – 6th July at 3pm Tickets €5, (1 adult with 4 children gets in free)

* For a full day of supervised Theatre drop your child off from 11.30am and collect at 4pm sharp. Price includes 2 shows and a drama workshop €22 per child. Book for 5 children one gets in free. Note the day-long event must be booked one day in advance by calling to the SocsBox, Áras na Mac Léinn, NUIG or telephone 091 492852, or e-mail socsbox@socs.nuigalway.ie



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 An outreach programme celebrating the artistic talent of NUIG students past, present and future.



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Wildebeest Theatre Company
 An amusing while somewhat disturbing insight into what can go on when girls are getting ready for a night out.
 The Cube Theatre, Áras na Mac Léinn, NUI Galway.
 12th – 14th July 8pm (50 minutes) Tickets €10

Banged Up Broads

Youth Work Ireland
 This bold, black comedy, devised by the group, follows the ups and downs of eight young women in prison.
 The Cube Áras na mac leinn NUI Galway. July 19th at 8.30pm , July 20th at 6.30pm (40 minutes) €3 / €5

Festival Double Bill @ the Cube

Getting The Cure
 Liam has just accidentally spilt the contents of a chip pan over his legs. Luckily for him, he hears word that there is a man down town with the "gift of the cure". Follow Liam on a bizarre journey through Galway. Written by Robert Higgins.
Serotonin Syndrome: Part III
 The memories traumatic events have no beginning and no ending. But, what if you could live within the memory and take control? Both productions are the creations of NUI Galway Drama Students.
 The Cube Theatre, NUI Galway.
 22nd July at 6pm. (105 minutes) Tickets €10

The Three Women
 Celebrating some of the world's greatest playwrights and The Women they wrote... with scenes from Beckett, Friel & Shakespeare.
 Directed by Kathryn Reynolds
Ahhhh Lad!!!
 Paddy's Week pilgrimage to New York sees two Irish friends come face to face with what they want in their lives. A funny and heartfelt look at the psyche of the modern Irish male. This award winning play is written by Paddy O'Byrne.

Cathleen Ni Houlihan 2: The Berlin Decision



In a small Irish cottage a family prepares for the marriage of their eldest son, though they are soon interrupted by argument and the arrival of a strange Old Woman. Written by Shaun Leonard.

All 3 productions are creations of NUI Galway Drama Students.

The Cube Theatre, Áras na Mac Leinn, NUI Galway. 22nd – 25th July 8.30pm (90 minutes) Tickets €12

Saol



Floating World Productions
An inter-media dance performance. A solo dancer's playful movement within a responsive interactive space creates an absorbing, magical experience.

The Cube Theatre, Áras na Mac Leinn, NUI Galway. 19th July at 6pm (35 minutes) Tickets €10

Ballyganraile



Small Change Productions
Join the inhabitants of Ballyganraile as they celebrate their first Harvest Literary and Garden Festival where nothing turns out as planned. New comic one-woman show written and performed by Riona Hughes.

The Cube Theatre, NUI Galway. 23rd – 26th July at 8.30pm (60 minutes) Tickets €10

Rewind



NUIG Dramsoc
Life, love and loss. If you had the chance to go back and undo your mistakes, would you? It is a story told through music, dance and physical movement. Directed by Claudia O'Sullivan.

The Cube Theatre, Áras na Mac Leinn, NUI Galway. 26th, 28th & 29th July at 8.30pm, & 27th July at 6pm (60 minutes) Tickets €8 & €10

The Heroism Hotline

In an ordinary world, sometimes the most extraordinary solutions come from the most unlikely heroes. This end of year performance is devised and performed by students of the Galway's Actors Workshop. Directed by Sarah O'Toole.

The Cube Theatre, Áras na Mac Leinn, NUI Galway. 28th & 29th July at 5.30pm (90 minutes) Tickets €5

Life Security: Rehearsed Reading

When Stephen, a computer programmer and pianist, moves to New York City he discovers life is not as he planned. Written by Drew Dunlap, who is studying MA in Drama & Theatre in NUIG. The Cube Theatre, NUI Galway

24th & 25th July at 1pm, (90 Min) Free Event.

Girl Interrupted

This show is an eclectic mix of dialogue from film with lyrics from different genres of music that interlink with one another to show the positive influence it has on our lives to this present day. It will leave you feeling inspired and with a new appreciation of film.

The Cube Theatre, Áras na Mac Leinn, NUI Galway. 12th July at 1.15pm, 20th July at 1.15pm, 21st July at 6.30pm (30 minutes) Tickets €4

Tribal Lyrics



The Tribal Lyric is a night to experience the art and the artists of the City of the Tribes. Hosted by Cúirt Poetry Grand Slam winner Shaun Leonard and featuring the Galway music scene's top innovators. Every night new poets and spoken word performers will show you what Galway means to them, Readings by Anne Irwin and Kevin Higgins on Sunday the 15th

of July. Music and poetry with a comedic bend from Stephen Bennett on Monday the 16th. Poetry from former All Ireland and Cúirt Grand Slam winner Mícheál Kearney and music from My Fellow Sponges on Tuesday the 17th. Poetry from Nicholas Fitzgerald on the 18th and an open poetry slam.

The Cube Theatre, NUI Galway 15th – 18th July at 7pm (90 minutes) Tickets €4 & €6

Galway Sinfonietta

Recently established group of players from Galway City County formed by Joanne Cater and John Roe. Galway Sinfonietta provides a performance outlet for instrumental teachers and students.

Bailey Allen Hall, NUI Galway 28th July at 7pm (90 minutes) Free event.

Exhibitions

Caught in the Act

Photographic exhibition organized by NUIG Photographic Society celebrating Galway's artistic tradition capturing artists performing, on the street, on stage, everywhere. Month of July 9am – 11pm daily

Áras na Mac Linn Foyer, NUI Galway

Children's Art Competitions

We asked the national school children of Galway to create for us works of art inspired by Galway's Summer Festivals. Call and see the fruits of their imagination. Plus follow the trail from the city. Month of July 9am – 11pm daily

Áras na Mac Linn Foyer, Upstairs, NUI Galway

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www.coloursfringe.blogspot.ie

Galway Film Fleadh

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Galway Arts Festival

www.galwayartsfestival.com

Galway Fringe Festival

www.galwayfringe.com



Tickets and information from the SocsBox, Áras na Mac Leinn, NUI Galway. Open 10am – 6pm. Tel: 091 492852. All events from July 12th can also be purchased from the Galway Fringe Box Office and on line at www.galwayfringe.com

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Festival season at NUI Galway



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Festival Season at NUI Galway

As well as having formal links with all of the major festivals happening this summer, NUI Galway's societies are also sponsoring and supporting the Colours Fringe Festival from 2 to 8 July and the new Galway Fringe Festival from 12 to 30 July.

As part of the Galway Fringe Festival, NUI Galway is hosting eight plays, two literary events, plus music, dance and exhibitions.

Wildebeest Theatre Company will perform 'Tan' from 12 to 14 July 8pm, while Youth Work Ireland are performing 'Banged Up Broads' on 19 July at 8.30pm and 20 July at 6.30pm. Galway Actors Workshop will perform 'The Heroism Hotline', on 28 and 29 July at 5.30pm, and Floating World Productions will present 'Saol', on 19 July at 6pm.

NUI Galway Students and Staff are also presenting a series of new original works. Riona Hughes will perform 'Ballyganruaile' from 23 to 26 July at 6pm and on 27 July at 8.30pm. Dramsoc presents 'Rewind' on 26, 28 and 29 July at 8.30pm, and 27 July at 6pm. The Cube Triple Bill featuring playwright Paddy O'Byrne's 'Ahhh Lad!' will run from 22 to 25 July at 8.30pm.

The award winning Shaun Leonard is hosting four nights of poetry and music with special guests from 15 to 18 July at 7pm. Children are catered for with a production of Truth Fairy on 28 and 29 July at 12.30pm and 'Do you Speak Mermish', which is open from 24 to 29 July from 11am to 3pm.

All the shows are in the new Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Léinn and tickets are from €3 to €12 and can be purchased at the SocsBox, NUI Galway or at www.galwayfringe.com.

For more information on all the on campus events, call 091-492852 or check out www.festivals.nuigalway.ie

Appendix 9 Society Training

Over 250 committee members attended the training weekend. There is also on going one to one training throughout the year. See full details

Socs Training Weekend Sept 23th & Saturday 24th		How & Why to Attend	
Fri 23rd Sept	Aras ui Cathaill lecture theatre		
Basic workshops useful for everyone will be repeated tomorrow but should be attended this evening so you can attend the other workshops tomorrow		Please download/ collect signup sheet and register for your choice of workshops by Thursday 22nd drop into the Socsbox or e-mail socsbox@socs.nuigalway.ie	
6pm - 7.00pm	A. Riona: The Control Panel: Getting to grips with the control panel, a step-by-step guide on how to use all the applications – sms, membership, profile, room booking etc	2 members of a society must attend at least 2 sessions to retain travel funding	Lots of free food
7.00pm - 8pm	B. Riona Treasurers! Using the finance website; Schedule of Allowances; Budgeting, Balancing Accounts and getting yourself up and running this year. NB! Bring along an up-to-date bank statement, make sure you check when your account closed last year and order a statement from that date. Any queries about this just ask SocsBox!	There is a €10 bonus per member attending to a max of 10 members to be spent on what your committee decides. That's a maximum of €100 just for you	Any society committee member who attends the 2 sessions on Friday and all day on Saturday will receive a society certificate for Team Leadership, Communication and event management. As long as their society organise 6 events this year. Handy for your CV.

Socs Training Weekend Sept 24th

	Aras Ui Cathaill lecture theatre	The View	Large Acoustic Room	Computer suite	The Cube	Flirt FM
9.30am - 10.00am	Registration and throughout the day					
10.00am - 11.00am	Riona: 1. Being a Secretary: Arranging meetings, creating Agendas, the POWER of Minute Taking, how to create your end of year report.	Matt Burke: 7. NUIG Society Awards, BICS, what the national organisation is all about. Organising intervarsity events. How to be a winner		16. Making a quick promo video for your society. Getting on to SocsTV.	18. Introduction to sound, the equipment and how to use it.	
11.00-11.15	break					
11.15am - 12.30pm	Riona: 2. Treasurers! Using the finance website; Schedule of Allowances, Budgeting, Balancing Accounts & getting yourself up and running this year. NB! Bring along an up-to-date bank statement, make sure you check when your account closed last year and order a statement from that date. Any queries about this just ask SocsBox!	Matt Burke: 8. The Control Panel: Getting to grips with the control panel, a step-by-step guide on how to use all the applications – sms, membership, profile, room booking etc	Lorraine Tansy: 12. Societies and your career, making the best of your transferrable skills. Interview techniques			
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Riona: 3. Fundraising and Sponsorship: how to create a partnership with your sponsor How to fund your fantastic ideas!	George Karr: 9. How to design a killer eye catching poster on software you have on your laptop.	Lorraine Tansy 13. ALIVE Certificate - The Societies Model: Gaining cert for your involvement in societies/ clubs. How to participate and build your ALIVE Portfolio. Civic Engagement and volunteering in the community.	17. Open session in the computer suite for one-to-one on the finance or control panel solve you login problems Treasurers get one to one info on your accounts and get them up to date. Plus how to use the photocopier.		
1.30pm - 2.30pm	Free Lunch in college bar					
2.30pm - 3.30pm	Riona: 4. Team Management and the Power of Delegation: Conflict resolution, Chairing Skills, Increasing membership and keeping everyone motivated.	Padraig McNeela: 10. Understanding the USCG (University Societies Coordinators Group). What is your constitution? Society policies including Postering and Alcohol policy.	Mary Lillis (Print That) 14: An introduction to Adobe Master Suite - In design and Photoshop. The dos and donts when preparing a professional document for printing.		19: Introduction to lighting, how to use the equipment and how to light your event	Paula Healy 20. An introduction to the studio and how to use the equipment
3.30pm - 4.30pm	Riona: 5. Event management, Fun things to do, Overview of themed weeks, Health and safety: The issues which impact on societies, risk assessment, developing a safety statement and the importance of duty of care.	Sandra Butler: 11. Alumni Association, what is it, how to organising alumni events and receiving support for your special events. Plus communication pertinent to applying for grants etc and applicable to any situation.		17. Open session in the computer suite for one-to-one on the finance or control panel solve you login problems. Treasurers get one to one info on your accounts and get them up to date. Plus how to use the photocopier.		
4.30pm - 5.30pm	Riona & Paula Healy: 6. PR How to get your message across. Using Socs Mail, keeping your members informed, writing a letter, press releases, campus advertising, local and national media. Flirt FM - what it can do for you.		Helen: 15. Society Equipment what we have, how it works and how to book it.			
5.30pm	Wind Down session in the college bar with refreshments & finger food.					

Appendix 10

NUI Galway Societies Bursary Awards

February 22nd 2012



The bursary was launched last year with the support of the Alumni of 78-80. The purpose is to support a number of exceptional students in the area of the arts, event management and volunteering with 6 prizes of 1000 Euro. The funding this year came from the Societies Funds. Each of the performance contestant had to fill in a form and perform in a heat the finalists were interviewed by a panel of adjudicators and then performed at the final.

The Finalists and winners:

Music:Soloists

Conor Ward
Oisín Minogue
Peter Berrill
Anthony McDonnagh
Mark James

The Winner: Trumpet player, Peter Berrill, a 3rd Year Energy Systems Engineering student and active Orchestra Society member.

Music:Groups

Sing n Tonics
Colm O'Rourke
David Crowe
Gearbox
Hazel Doyle and Eddie Mullarkey

The Winners: In the groups category a joint prize was awarded to Choral Societies acapella group the 'Sing n Tonics' and Orchestra Society's Colm O'Rourke and Steven Conroy who played Latin American Guitar .

Performance

Gillian Madders
Paul Hanrahan
Oisín Robbins
Cory Bradley
Shaun Leonard

The Winner: The performance bursary was awarded to Shaun Leonard, a BA Connect with Creative Writing Student who performed an original poem for the audience.

Behind the scenes/ Event Management

Conor Mulloy
Lily Mc Garry
Thor McVeigh
Tara Gibbons
Michael Talty
John Devlin
Laura Donnelly

The Winner: In the Event Management category, Laura Donnelly, this years Musical Production Co-ordinator and Galway University

Musical Society (GUMS) auditor was awarded a bursary for her continued dedication to organising events such as a joint Dramsoc and GUMS 'Rocky Horror Picture Show' production, Spring Awakening the Musical and NUIG's Got Talent.

Volunteering

Eva Marie Costello

Paul O'Donnell

Sophie Connolly

The Winner: Eva-Marie Costello, a volunteer who has dedicated countless hours of her time to raising awareness of the needs of the people in the emerging sub-continent of India and to fundraise in order to improve the living and educational conditions for the under-privileged children of Kalimpong, West Bengal.

Audience Choice Winner:

Musical Society's Oisín Minogue, who's extensive knowledge on both the saxophone and bouzouki won over the audience.

Appendix 11 Room usage in Áras na Mac Léinn

All Year Sept 1st 2011-August 31st 2012	Individual		societies		% of time booked by	% of hours used by
	Bookings	Hours	bookings	hours	Societies	Societies
Dark Room	66	381	66	381	100.00%	100.00%
Large Acoustic Room	898	3490	743	2646.5	82.74%	75.83%
Mac Suite	234	1639	206	1333	88.03%	81.33%
Meeting Room 1	583	3182.5	347	1196	59.52%	37.58%
Meeting room 2	518	3034	331	1182	63.90%	38.96%
Small Acoustic	1373	3248	1337	3007.5	97.38%	92.60%
Art Room	664	2291.5	523	1799	78.77%	78.51%
The Cube	614	3957	401	2034.5	65.31%	51.42%
The Space	614	3957	420	1559.5	68.40%	39.41%
The Stage	550	3692	367	1788	66.73%	48.43%
The View	690	4010.5	474	1909	68.70%	47.60%
Total	6804	32882.5	5215	18836	76.65%	57.28%

Term Time September 5th 2011 - march 30th 2012	All		All		% of time booked by	% of hours used by
	Individual	Hours	societies	hours	Societies	Societies
	Bookings	Hours	bookings	hours	Societies	Societies
Dark Room	70	278	70	278	100.00%	100.00%
Large Acoustic Room	767	2807	651	2350.5	84.88%	83.74%
Mac Suite	144	889.5	131	774	90.97%	87.02%
Meeting Room 1	477	2471	327	1235.5	68.55%	50.00%
Meeting room 2	397	2265	288	1131.5	72.54%	49.96%
Small Acoustic	994	2190	970	2109.5	97.59%	96.32%
Art Room	519	1664	483	1519	93.06%	91.29%
The Cube	562	3047	414	2073.5	73.67%	68.05%
The Space	564	2531.5	422	1642.5	74.82%	64.88%
The Stage	486	2697	355	1762.5	73.05%	65.35%
The View	594	2996.5	448	1830	75.42%	61.07%
Total	5574	23836.5	4559	16706.5	81.79%	70.09%

Appendix 12

Media Coverage: Promoting a positive image

Throughout the year the societies gain much positive media coverage. This serves not only to promote them and their events but opens the campus up to the local community and projects a positive image of the students. Its importance is recognised by being an integral part of their application for society awards both in NUI Galway and at a national level at BICS.

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Author:

Headline: Colm Tóibín to be honoured in Galway

Colm Tóibín to be honoured in Galway

Renowned author Colm Tóibín will be conferred with NUI Galway's Literary and Debating Society's highest honour this Thursday.

The President's Medal is an accolade bestowed upon those who the society views as having been remarkable in their chosen field.

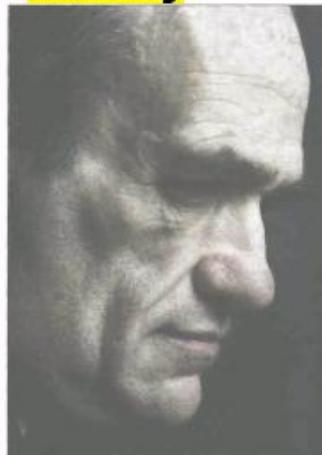
"Thematically, Mr Tóibín's prosaic works address some of the most prevalent issues of modern society within Ireland and further afield. Works which reflect this include *The Blackwater Lightship*, *Brooklyn* and *The Sign of The Cross*. As well as this, Tóibín's remarkable contribution to Irish journalism has further emphasised his place on the Irish literary stage," said a society spokesperson.

The ceremony will take place at the Kirwan Theatre on the Arts Concourse in NUIG at 7pm with Mr Tóibín's address beginning at 7.45pm.

As well as receiving the award, Mr Tóibín will make a formal address to

the society and will participate in a question and answer session with the audience. This is a free event and all are welcome to attend on the night.

For any further queries, contact the society at literaryanddebating@gmail.com.



Colm Tóibín

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Dramasoc perform Tom Murphy

BY KERNAN ANDREWS

NUI GALWAY'S Dramasoc perform Tom Murphy's *The Morning After Optimism* in the Druid Lane Theatre tonight, tomorrow, and Saturday at 8pm.

The Morning After Optimism centres on James and Rosie and focuses on the notions of opposites, sinners and saints. Murphy places them in a surreal forest, as a means of exploring these contrasts and assessing whether they can survive in the one space.

The play is directed by Darren Coppinger, an engineering PhD student in **NUIG**.

Tickets are €10/5 from the Socs Box in Áras na Mac Léinn. Reservations can also be made by emailing themorningafteroptimismnuig@gmail.com or phoning 086 - 1632868.

Station: Galway Bay FM
Start date: 2012-02-16 17:01:02
Duration: 1
Programme: 17:00 News
Presenter: Una Molloy
Headline: Stigma associated with HIV to be the focus of a student debate this evening
Text: The stigma associated with HIV virus is to be the focus of a student debate in Galway City this evening. The panel discussion is organized by the NUI Galway Literary and Debating Society and will also feature a number of HIV experts. Galway City NUI Galway Literary and Debating Society Kierwin Theatre, NUIG

Station: Galway Bay FM
Start date: 2012-02-27 09:19:22
Duration: 9
Programme: Keith Finnegan Show
Presenter: Keith Finnegan
Headline: A chat with Joe O'Connor in connection with Rag Week
Text: Joe O'Connor, SU President-GMIT joins in the studio with Keith to give his insights about the Rag week happened last week. He said that he feels frustrated about the happening last week. He also added that as a student body and union in GMIT, they feel they have been proactive in trying to deal with this. GMIT Students' Union is re-launching the Student Patrol scheme designed to tackle anti-social behaviour in local residential communities. Joe O'Connor, SU President-GMIT Galway- Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT) YouTube Gardai Student Patrol scheme Rag week National University of Ireland, Galway (NUI Galway)

Station: Galway Bay FM
Start date: 2012-02-27 13:33:51
Duration: 2
Programme: 13:00 News
Presenter: Antoinette Giblin
Headline: NUIG Theatre Week launched
Text: NUIG Theatre Week is being officially launched this lunchtime at Aras na Mac Léinn. NUI Galway Theatre Week Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Léinn Jerome Hynes

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Moot court competition

The Holland & Knight All-Ireland Moot Court Competition will be held on Tuesday March 20th in the House of Lords, College Green, at 5.30pm. TCD, UCD, UCC and **NUIG Law Societies will be participating. Contact lawsoc@csc.tcd.ie for details**

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Headline: Second-level students set for charity debate

Second-level students set for charity debate

THE third annual Let's Debate competition inspired by Alan Kerins Projects and in conjunction with the 165th session of Literary and Debating Society will take place in National University of Ireland, Galway on Saturday, March 31.

Schools from the West of Ireland will take part in the debating challenge which will put their knowledge and skills to the test. The rounds will incorporate both Junior Certificate speakers and Leaving Certificate speakers, with finals occurring in both categories.

Debating has been proven to increase knowledge, confidence, develop opinions and language skills as well as helping students to learn from each other, these are all areas the Let's Debate challenge wishes to help students improve on as well as developing their leadership skills.

"Alan Kerins Projects is very proud to be involved with Let's Debate. We want our adults of tomorrow to see where passion helps to drive focus and it's passion that drives our commitment to help our brothers and sisters in Africa," said Alan Kerins.

"We are also advocates in the belief that young people deserve to voice their opinions and share their skills for the betterment of the wider society," he added.

The competition blends both British Parliamentary style of debating with Mace Style of debating and each team on the day is guaranteed three speeches. Speeches are five minutes in length and motions can vary.

There are still some places available; for that or for further information phone 091 750057 or log on to www.alankerinsprojects.org

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Headline: UCD DramSoc hosts ISDAs

UCD DramSoc hosts ISDAs

BY DENIS VAUGHAN

The sixty-fifth Irish Student Drama Association festival (ISDAs) is currently being hosted by UCD's DramSoc. The festival will take place over the duration of eleven days, from March 21st to 31st.

There are eleven colleges taking part, each of which has representatives that sit on the ISDA council, the forum for discussion and decision making of the association. The colleges are UCD, DIT, IT Tallaght, NUI Maynooth, NUI Galway, UCC, Mater Dei, DCU, Trinity College, Queens University, and the University of Ulster.

Forty-seven events will be taking place during the festival, of which twenty-three are shows. UCD DramSoc will perform four shows: *Two*, *Blue Remembered Hills*, *Someone Who'll Watch Over Me*, and *The Walworth Face*.

Awards for the festival include Best Overall Production, Best Director, Best Actress, Best Actor, Best Supporting Actress, Best Supporting Actor, Best Set, Best Original Script, Best Lighting, Best Props, Best Ensemble and Best Sound. There is also the possibility of two discretionary awards. Last year UCD won awards for Best Supporting Actor, Best Actress, Best Original Script, Best Ensemble, Best Director, and Best Overall Production.

DramSoc auditor, Eoghan Carrick, has said that he is hopeful that UCD will repeat the success they had at the festival last year, "We do have high hopes. We wouldn't set up the shows if we weren't entirely behind them, but it all depends on the quality of the other shows. It's a different thing every year because unfortunately the festival itself is when you get to see other colleges' work, so you don't really know until the awards night when the judges announce the winners. But of course we have high hopes." The award ceremony will be held on March 31st, the last day of the festival.

Carrick praised the staff at UCD for their support in the lead up to the festival, "Organising a festival on a campus where you're building two theatres is never going to be an easy task, but the Societies Council and a lot of the staff and services have all been really good, so while it's been difficult co-ordinating between those different people it hasn't been the most difficult thing in the world."

Dramsoc are currently looking for Venue Managers and Front of House Managers to assist with the running of events. Anyone who wishes to get involved with the festival can e-mail theatre@ucddramsoc.com.





Pres TYs conquered the catwalk

TRAN YEAR DIARY

WITH the fashion show completed for this year, it feels like a huge weight has been lifted from the shoulders of the Transition Year students in Presentation College Tuam. All our efforts have greatly paid off. Students and staff have been talking about the show non-stop and congratulating us on its success. We want to say a big thank you to everyone who came to support our show. We have learned so much this year, whether in discovering hidden talents and growing in confidence, or in becoming closer as a class, due to the show.

It was also lovely to see the past TYs involved in the show, as we strutted our stuff on the catwalk and modelled our latest hat designs. We had special appearances by Lady Gaga, Beyonce and Jedward and tributes to the King of Pop, Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston and Amy Winehouse. There were dance numbers from famous films such as *Chicago* and musical icons such as Olly Murs. And we had our famous TY choir sing two numbers that were sung at the Our School's Got Talent competition, in which we reached the final. We left out nothing and when the curtains went down on Friday, we felt so happy and proud after all our hard work — we wanted to do it all over again!

On St Patrick's Day, one of our Young Social Innovators (YSI) groups took part in the parade in Tuam. They represented the Irish Wheelchair Association and chose "Unity" for the theme on their banner, which they made from scratch. Also watching the parade was Aoife Kelleher who won the Tuam Young Person of the

Year Award and she was given the very special honour of sitting in the stand for the parade.

All the students started back at school on Tuesday morning and it was back to business as per usual. Time has flown by and we are already thinking about our graduation evening. It will soon be summer and none of us want to say goodbye to this year just yet!

We will soon find out who will be through to the next round of YSI and we are choosing our teams for the Public Access to the Law (PAL) competition, and we will be making our way to the Four Courts in Dublin to compete. This coming Saturday, three TYs will be going to NUIG to compete in the Literary and Debating Society debates. We wish them the best of luck and no doubt they will do the school proud!

We are also planning to go to Tir na Fhia in Leitir Móir for two nights for our last retreat this year. We have heard many great things about this particular retreat from last year's TYs and it is not to be missed. Also not to be missed are our auditions for next year's school musical, *The Sound of Music*. Hopefully some students will rise to the challenge and put their talents to the test!

— Aine Neenan

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Where are all the young feminists?

They're connecting and campaigning but feeling a little undervalued

LINDA KELLY

Ever there was question to raise the hackles on the back of my neck, it is the question "Where are all the young feminists?" A question which is never posed without the accompanying critique that young women simply don't care about equality or about the path that previous generations of women warriors have beaten down for them. And why does it annoy me so much? Because, in my experience, the critique is simply not true.

Firstly, there are lots of young feminists. Lots! Since the time we (Jennifer DeWan and I) set up Cork Feminista in August 2010, there has been a surge in young feminist groups. As Aisling O'Connor of Sibéal says "Feminism is alive and well in Ireland today and there has been a rejuvenation of feminist activism and scholarship in recent years". For example, there are the Irish Feminist Network, Sibéal, the Feminist Society in NUIG, the new Siren Magazine in Trinity College where the DUGES society also operates and FemSoc in NUIM. And before any of us got started there was the Belfast Feminist Network in Northern Ireland and UK Feminista which was set up by Kat Banyard, author of the Equality Illusion.

Alison Spillane of the Irish Feminist Network points out that "young people in particular seem to be drawn toward the feminist movement". For me, the problem isn't that there are no young feminists, the problem is that the myth has been propagated to the point where it is now accepted as fact. The result is devastating - a generation of excited and passionate activists is slowly being made to feel invisible.

Aisling O'Connor of Sibéal considers that "The present so-called 'wave' of feminism is quieter than those that went before it" and she links this to the fact that many young people are not willing to call themselves a feminist though they still extol a certain level of feminist consciousness.

This is definitely true of many Cork Feminista supporters and many of my own friends. And it is this which is perhaps the divider between feminist generations. Young women often refuse to

use the word feminist while saying and doing very feminist things. The sting is that the activists who have gone before often feel betrayed by this and feel it's an insult to their work and identity. And so begins the vicious cycle whereby established feminists question the activities of young feminists, and they in turn resent being silenced and become even more alienated from the traditional movement.

Does this make the movement quieter? Perhaps. Less effective - not necessarily. The world has changed and activism and protest have changed with it; our generation is simply figuring out our own way of doing things. Online connections, with well-thought-out branding, are our tool of choice to engage young audiences. And it's working. All of the groups command popular support across social media sites like Facebook, Twitter and their own blogs that get tens of thousands of hits. Yet, for whatever reason, be it that something is not clearly labelled as 'feminist' or because it doesn't happen in a physical room, it is often dismissed.

Not only is this disheartening for the thousands who have found a home for their voice online, it also presupposes that this is the only type of activism that young feminists engage in: another myth

All of the groups named hold regular events and activities, organise protests and demos and campaign on feminist issues. In the 20 months that Cork Feminista has been established we've had 24 events and spoken at a variety of others. Alison Spillane points out that "young feminists can be found on the streets protesting, for example, against cuts to lone parents and campaigning for long overdue changes to Ireland's abortion laws".

Despite all of this great work, I still get asked why the young feminists are not doing anything - more often than not in spaces where emerging feminists should be getting support, like at National Women's Council members' meetings. And it needs to stop.

It shouldn't be about younger feminists, or older feminists, emerging feminists or established



Best Buddies Ball shows true value of friendship

FRIENDSHIP, as always, as to the fore as the fourth annual Best Buddies Celebration Ball took place in the Menlo Park Hotel last Friday.

The participants of the Best Buddies College Programme at **NUI Galway** and **GMIT** along with their buddies from Ability West came together to enjoy a night of fine food, music and dance.

This is also an Awards Night where successful matches and exceptional commitment to the programme are recognised.

Among the award recipients was Niamh Coyne who won the Roy Murphy Special Achievement Award. Niamh's buddy, Linda O'Connell, also received a special achievement award for training and successfully climbing Diamond Hill Mountain in Connemara with Niamh.

Ability West is a voluntary organisation based in **Galway** which has been providing high quality, community based services to children and adults with an intellectual disability and their families for the past 50 years.

Over 500 children and adults are in receipt of these services which are based throughout **Galway** City and County. The organisation is dedicated to enabling people with an intellectual disability to realise their dreams and ambitions.

One dream of many people with an intellectual disability is to have a friend. Best Buddies is a wonderful programme which helps to find that friend.

The Best Buddies College Programme is a friendship initiative that pairs College students in fun, enriching one to one friendships with their peers who have an intellectual disability.

The mission of Best Buddies is to enhance the lives of young people with an intellectual disability. This year 40 students from **NUIG** and ten students from **GMIT** engaged with Ability West through Best Buddies and many volunteered in our services throughout **Galway** City.



GMIT student Katherine Long from Mountbellew, winner of the Overall Outstanding Award for Contribution, accepting her prize from Ability West CEO Breda Crehan-Roche at the Best Buddies Ball.



Best Buddy Special Recognition award winner Rachel Kerrigan from **NUIG is presented with her prize by Ability West CEO Breda Crehan-Roche.**



Denise Murphy, Tuam, and Sinead Mannion, Doughuisc.



Chapter of the Year went to **NUIG represented by Siun O'Rourke presented by Ability West CEO Breda Crehan-Roche.**



Fred Thomline, Salthill, and Damien Faherty, Ros a Mhíl.



Catherine Fiaherty, GMIT, and Aine Lynch, Renmore.



Niamh Coyne, Clifden accepts the Roy Murphy Memorial Award from Ability West CEO Breda Crehan-Roche.



Theatre company seeks funds to bring play on national tour

BY CIARAN TIERNEY

A NEW Galway theatre company is seeking funds to bring a play about witchcraft on a national tour in August which includes two shows in the city.

ThereisBear! Theatre Company was formed by former members of NUI Galway's Drama Society last year and the show features city natives Darragh O'Brien and Conor Burke.

The play they have chosen for their first national tour is *The Last Burning* by Patrick Galvin, which tells the story of a young man from County Tipperary who suspects that his wife Bridget is a witch.

First staged in 1974, the play is based on the true story of Bridget Cleary, who was burned alive in Clonmel because her husband thought she was a 'changeling'.

The average age of the actors in the show is just 21 and most of them have appeared in productions by other Galway companies such as Mephisto, Fregoli, and Waterdonkey.

Some of the cast were involved in the DramSoc production of *The Last Burning* when they represented NUI Galway at the Irish Student Drama Association (ISDA) festival last year.

"This time around we are going bigger, bolder, and better, and bringing the show to venues all around the country" said ThereisBear! founder Hannah O'Reilly.

Patrick Galvin passed away last year and Ms O'Reilly is keen to raise awareness of one of the Ireland's least known playwrights, in what she describes as a "culturally significant" play.

Since March, the fledgling theatre company has been raising finance for the tour through the www.fundit.ie website and, with nine days to go, is nearing

the set target of €3,000.

"We are coming near the end of our fundraising project and thus far the response has been overwhelmingly wonderful," said Ms O'Reilly.

As well as staging the play at the Nun's Island Theatre on August 5 and 6, the youthful actors intend to bring it to audiences in Cork, Listowel, Ballinasloe, Dublin, and Inishbofin during the month of August.

Further details about the show and tour are available at www.fundit.ie/project/the-last-burning-national-tour.



Conor Burke, Muireann Ní Raghallaigh and Darragh O'Brien of ThereisBear! Theatre Company.

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GALWAY'S newest theatre company, Thereisbear! is planning to bring play exploring witchcraft to Nuns Island Theatre in Galway City for two nights during August as part of a national tour.

The play the group has chosen for their first national tour is *The Last Burning*, based on the true story of Tipperary woman Bridget Cleary who was burned alive in 1895 because her husband suspected she was a witch. It was first staged in 1974. Its author Patrick Galvin is also known for his memoir, *Song for a Raggy Boy*.

Thereisbear! is a young company with an average age of 21. It was formed by Hannah O'Reilly of Ballinasloe, to create "powerful, vibrant, exciting theatre and bring it to audiences around the country", and its members are either students or graduates of NUIG and veterans of the University's Drama Society. The show's leads include Galway natives Darragh O'Brien as witch-doctor Blaney and Conor Burke as Bridget's ill-fated husband, Michael.

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Darragh O'Brien, Ruth D'arcy, Mary Conroy and Meghan Smyth who are taking part in *The Last Burning*.

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Calling all young artists

The **NUI Galway** Societies' Office is inviting all national school children to take part in an art exhibition held in **NUI Galway** during July. The Societies' Office is looking for a picture in any media that explores 'Festival Time in Galway'.

As part of the exhibition, judges will select a number of pictures as winners of the Young Artists Competition. The first prize winner will receive €100 plus four tickets to a children's theatre show. Two runners-up will receive €50 plus two tickets to a theatre show. The top 40 will be made into posters and displayed during the July festivals. Deadline for the competition is Friday 22 June.

NUI Galway Children's Theatre programme, scheduled for July. For details on shows, see www.socs.nui-galway.ie or email socsbox@socs.nui-galway.ie.



IN PROFILE: HANNAH O'REILLY

TWENTY-one-year-old Hannah O'Reilly is from Ballinasloe and now lives in Galway City where she works waitressing and directing with ThereisBear! Theatre Company. She is currently on holidays from studying theatre at NUIG. ThereisBear! is currently rehearsing *The Last Burning*, a play about fear, suspicion and witchcraft.

Members of the group staged *The Last Burning* in 2010 when they were involved with NUI Galway's Drama Society. The production represented NUIG at the 2011 national ISDA Festival. This time around, with the new company, they are bringing the show to venues all around the country. It's in Galway on August 5 and 6.

Your greatest achievement?

It's probably the show I did in NUIG DramSoc which we won an award for. I also wrote and choreographed a dance show in March. Putting on my own show before I was 21 became a big goal over the past year, so I was very proud of the group when we did that.

Favourite time of year?

Showtime. Nothing beats doing a good play. For weather, it'd be just as summer's coming in. Long days, dry ground. Nice fresh air! I like when it's muggy!

Your happiest memory?

That one's tricky. I think when I went to Electric Picnic with a play directed by Aron Hegarty. We got to go for free, saw amazing bands and got to hang out outside all weekend. Doing Romeo and Juliet that summer as well is a current close contender. Ten hours of rehearsing a day with my best friends, and swimming in the Corrib after. We later found out there are plunge pools!

Glass half full/half empty?

A bit of both. I'm a bit of a pessimist when I'm not thinking about it, but then I get carried away with something exciting and the glass has been filled anew!

Spender/saver?

Somewhere in the middle. I'm brilliant at saving, but when I spend some money on something frivolous or fabulous that's the end of me for a week or two!

How would you spend a million?

For selfish purposes a million euro would have to go to amazing property somewhere. And good shows. Oh! Piano and singing lessons. I always wanted to properly know what I'm at!

Best holiday?

I went to see Queens of the Stone Age in Glasgow with a friend I was going out with at the time. We spent the week marching around singing "I'm an Amendment to Be" from the Simpsons in various ridiculous voices. We met the band after the concert and shook their hands to the grimaces of our uncool... A good week.

Film/book?

It depends. I like when either just nails what it was trying to do. *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* is a fantastic book, for example. I like any type of film but will avoid horror at all costs, and adventure books are great.

How do you relax?

Finding free time is a challenge. I don't think I have anything to relax myself, but I find lots of stuff relaxing. Chatting with my friends and listening to music in particular.

Favourite smell?

I love the smell of old books or nice fresh air. Chocolate is a winner as well.

Possession you most treasure?

Sooty, my childhood bear. And I love the odd jewellery that I've collected over the years.

Night owl/early bird?

It's 4am right now, as I'm filling this out... so that might give a good indication! Though I always end up waking at the crack of dawn, whether I'm tired or not... Zombie bird.

Last meal before dying and would it include wine?

Depends on the death!

Best advice you ever got?

Don't worry until you completely have to; stuff will turn out alright in the end, so if it isn't alright, it mustn't be the end.

Also, the idea that letting go of something doesn't mean giving up on it, or forgetting it. I get very attached to people, places, situations, so that was helpful.

Your hero?

My mother and father. They're very strong. They've been through a lot and remain unwaveringly generous and hard working for those who need help, regardless of their own situations. Hopefully it wasn't a windy day when the apple fell from that tree!



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Festival season at NUI Galway

As well as having formal links with all of the major festivals happening this summer, NUI Galway's societies are also sponsoring and supporting the Colours Fringe Festival from 2 to 8 July and the new Galway Fringe Festival from 12 to 30 July.

As part of the Galway Fringe Festival, NUI Galway is hosting eight plays, two literary events, plus music, dance and exhibitions.

Wildebeest Theatre Company will perform 'Tan' from 12 to 14 July at 8pm, while Youth Work Ireland are performing 'Banged Up Broads' on 19 July at 8.30pm and 20 July at 6.30pm. Galway Actors Workshop will perform 'The Heroism Hotline', on 28 and 29 July at 5.30pm, and Floating World Productions will present 'Saoi', on 19 July at 6pm.

NUI Galway students and staff are also presenting a series of new original works. Riona Hughes will perform 'Ballyganruaile' from 23 to 26 July at 6pm and on 27 July at 8.30pm. Dramsoc presents 'Rewind' on 26, 28 and 29 July at 8.30pm, and 27 July at 6pm. The Cube Triple Bill featuring playwright Paddy O'Byrne's 'Ahhh Lad!' will run from 22 to 25 July at 8.30pm.

The award winning Shaun Leonard is hosting four nights of poetry and music with special guests from 15 to 18 July at 7pm. Children are catered for with a production of Truth Fairy on 28 and 29 July at 12.30pm and 'Do you Speak Mermish', which is open from 24 to 29 July from 11am to 3pm.

All the shows are in the Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Léinn. Tickets are from €3 to €12 and can be purchased at the SocsBox, NUI Galway or at www.galwayfringe.com.



'The Cube Eye' is taking over the city, highlighting all the events in the Cube Theatre, NUI Galway as part of the Galway Fringe Festival.



THESWEET&LOWDOWN

Joe Meagher
version of

Joe Meagher

Michelle Clancy

Arts and Entertainment Editor

EXPECT scenes of spine-tingling anticipation and climatic torture, when Suirfire's latest production *Misery* opens at Garter Lane next week.

Well known Waterford-born actor Joe Meagher plays novelist Paul Sheldon, who awakens from a car crash seriously injured and being cared for by his "number one fan", who is not all she appears to be.

"This is my second time working with Suirfire, I was in *Someone to Watch Over Me* with them as well. The company have adopted a policy of doing a crowd-friendly show and then that funds them to do something a little bit more experimental. *Misery* straddles both, I suppose. It's a really good piece of theatre."

Denise Quinn as Annie Wilkes will chill the audience to the bone, according to Joe.

"Denise is fantastic, her performance is so menacing that she's sure to get a reaction out of people. She's just wonderful to work with. As are the lads. I honestly don't think there's a better technical crew in Ireland than what the lads have down in the Theatre Royal. It's painless to work with them."

"It's years since I've seen the film and I decided not to go and look at it again before doing the show. From what I can gather the show is more of an adaptation from the Stephen King novel than from the film but there are one or two instances where we're taking our cue more from the film."

"For example, in the film she breaks his ankles, in the book she cuts his foot off...we're somewhere between the two. The police officer in the film never arrives in the stage show so that makes things nice and claustrophobic – just two people in a room."

Joe's innate love of theatre developed at a young age, not least because of his older brothers' involvement with a then burgeoning theatre company, Red Kettle.

"We grew up in the Poleberry area. My mother (Phil) is from Poleberry and she and my Dad's (Richie) first house was at the top of Poleberry. Then they moved to Grange Terrace, then

Ballytruckle.

"My older brothers Titch and Liam were involved in Red Kettle from the earliest days and as I child I would have hung around there a lot, helping out. I don't know if Titch was officially a founding member of the company but he would certainly have been there from the start."

"Liam became involved when he came to about 15 or 16 as a stage manager, before he got into the directing and writing that he'd be more well-known for now. All the family have been involved in theatre over the years in one way or another. The only thing my mother ever said to any of us was 'are you happy?' As long as we were happy doing what we do, they were happy."

Having first performed on stage in a Waterford Dramatic Society production of *Ritual for Dogs*, Joe honed his skills as a teenager with (the also then burgeoning) Waterford Youth Drama and Waterford Spraoi.

"I started in the very early days of Spraoi, when Macnas would come down from Galway. While in one of those I got to know Jim O'Meara who was involved with Waterford Youth Drama, as it was known at the time. I started attending the WYD workshops and I've been involved with the arts in general but mostly theatre ever since."

"Something that will always stand out for me is when Pat Kiernan of Corcadorca asked me to go down there and work on the world premiere of Ger Bourke's *Banshee Makers*. That was brilliant. I've worked with Corcadorca a couple of times since then."

"I lived in Galway for a couple of year and during that time I was involved with the Drama Society of NUIG and directed a production of *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*, by Tom Stoppard. That production won several ISDAs (Irish Student Drama Awards), including Best Director, which was great."

Unassuming about his own considerable talents, Joe says he's indebted to the many local companies who keep him in work during the year.

"I've gotten a lot of work from Red Kettle over the years and that's something I'm very grateful for. Aside from the plays, every year I'm part of the schools touring production, which tours to about 60 or 70 schools across the south east from November to January. It's become hugely popular with the schools, we're even travelling as far as Cork now with it. It's hectic, kind of a feast or a famine, so when the work comes along you have to be prepared to put in the time."

"Another company that I'm extremely grateful for in Waterford is Spraoi. I've picked up some nice work from them over the years, including performance director with the parade a few times."

"No doubt I'll be performing in this year's parade. I haven't gotten a call yet but I usually do. At one point I was the only person who had appeared in every single parade."

"I'll also be working with this year's Waterford Youth Arts summer project, which is the Bertolt

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Banged Up Broads

BY KERNAN ANDREWS

BANGED UP Broads, a black comedy following the ups and downs of eight young women prisoners, will be staged this evening and tomorrow.

This production, from CAPE theatre company and Youth Work Ireland, is directed by Zita Monaghan and will be staged in The Cube Theatre, Áras na MacLeinn, **NUI Galway**, this evening at 8.30pm and tomorrow at 6.30pm.

Expect a colourful cast of characters and a night of fire, cherries and bad attitudes. Tickets are €5/€3. The show is part of the **Galway Fringe Festival**.

Tickets are available from the box office on Francis Street. See www.galwayfringe.ie



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NUIG DramSoc to celebrate centenary

BY KERNAN ANDREWS

NUIG GALWAY'S DramSoc, one of Galway's greatest student institutions, will this year celebrate the centenary of its founding, with a variety of events.

Although student theatre productions had long been part of Queen's College Galway (as the university was known in its earliest decades) - the first recorded play was *Femmes Servantes*, staged in 1905, it was only in 1912 that students came together to perform theatre under the banner of a dramatic society.

Over the past 100 years, DramSoc has contributed to theatre not only in the university but across Galway, and its members have gone on to form many successful theatre companies - the best known example of which is *Druid*, founded by UCG alumni Garry Hynes, Marie Mullen, and Mick Lally.

The current DramSoc committee is putting together a book to record and celebrate the society's centenary and it also hold a centenary ball later in the year.

The society is calling on all former members who wish to be involved with this year's celebrations to email 100thnuigdramsoc@gmail.com or write to DramSoc c/o The Socs Box, NUIG, University Road, Galway.

Any photos anyone may have of past DramSoc shows or events which can be donated to the book would be greatly appreciated by the society. Those who wish to attend the ball should also contact the above address.



Charity concert for Talamarang Orphanage

BY KERNAN ANDREWS

There will be a night of traditional music and entertainment in the Western Hotel this Saturday at 9.30pm, to raise much funds for Talamarang Orphanage in Nepal.

The Talamarang Orphanage was founded by Melanie Hennessy who has since set up the **NUI Galway** Draiocht Society to raise funds for the orphanage. In 2010 Melanie won the JCI most outstanding person in the world for Humanitarian Aid and Volunteer Leadership.

Each year a group of students from **NUI Galway** go to the orphanage to support the now established local team on the ground.

The night of music and entertainment will be full of local acts including music, song and dance. Entry is €5 and tickets can be purchased on the door. For more information call 091 - 494324.

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Night of entertainment in aid of orphanage

THERE will be a night of traditional music and entertainment to raise much needed funds for Talamarang Orphanage, Nepal this Saturday, August 11, at 9.30pm in the Western Hotel on Prospect Hill in the city.

The Talamarang Orphanage was founded by Melanie Hennessey who has since set up the **NUI Galway Drafocht Society** to raise funds for the orphanage. In 2010 Melanie won the JCI most outstanding person in the world for Humanitarian Aid and Volunteer Leadership. Each year a group of students from **NUI Galway** go to the orphanage to support the now established local team on the ground.

The night of music and entertainment will be full of local acts including music, song and dance. Come out and support a great cause. Entry is €5 and tickets can be purchased on the door. For more information call (091) 494324.

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Night in aid of Nepal orphanage

ENNIS' Melanie Hennessey will be hosting a night of traditional music and entertainment to raise much needed funds for Talamarang Orphanage, Nepal on Friday at 9.30pm in the Western Hotel in Galway.

The Talamarang Orphanage was founded by Melanie, who has since set up the **NUI Galway Drafocht Society** to raise funds for the orphanage.

In 2010, Melanie won the JCI most outstanding person in the world for Humanitarian Aid and Volunteer Leadership. Each year a group of students from **NUI Galway** go to the orphanage to support the now established local team on the ground.

The night of entertainment will be full of local acts including music, song and dance. For more information call 091 494324.