

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CLUBS AND SOCIETIES OFFICE



By Mary Banahan & Mary MacCourt (Clubs & Societies Co-ordinators)

It was GREAT to be back on campus and seeing our students again.

THANK YOU to our Clubs & Societies Leaders. As we come to the end of this Semester and we reflect on the highs and lows of the Year, it is difficult not to feel a huge sense of pride for the amount of work our Clubs and Societies have done throughout this academic year.

From creating events online, recording of attendance, to coffee mornings in the COLD tent and the constant wearing of masks. Every event was a challenge but you kept going and overcame each obstacle.

The Clubs & Societies Office would like to recognise the extraordinary effort put in by the Clubs and Societies this year to keep the engagement on campus going. We appreciate all your efforts.

The second semester was much brighter with in person events, the removal of mask and a return to everyday clubs and socs activity. It was a joy to share the C & S year with you at our Clubs and Societies Awards and to travel with our Society winners to the National Societies Awards. Looking forward to 22/23.

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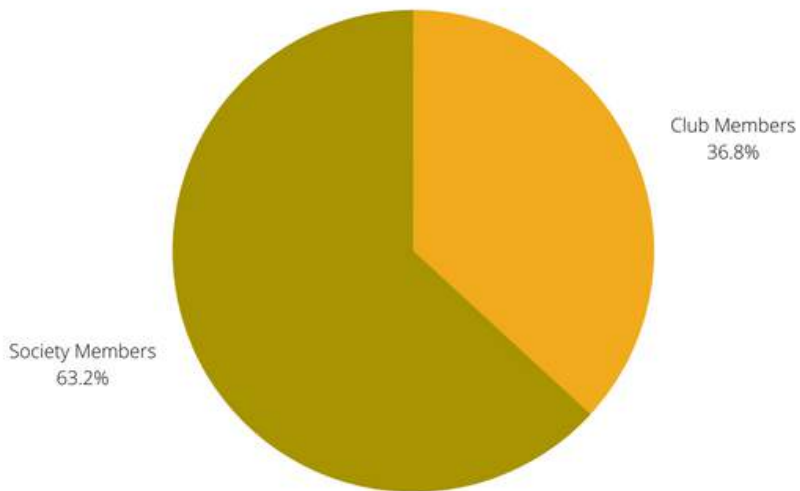
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CAOILFHINN



LISA



BRYAN



CLAUDIA

WELCOME! TO THE SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM

We would also like to welcome our Social Media Team - Lisa, Caoilfhinn, Claudia and Bryan.


They look after the Clubs and Societies Social Media Platforms – Instagram and Facebook

Each week they post Competitions and spotlight a Club and Society.

You can contact them on socialmedia@mulife.ie

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

Societies and Clubs Management Committees have been established to encourage, promote and develop Clubs and Societies life on campus. These Management Committees are made up of a number of Maynooth University staff and students.

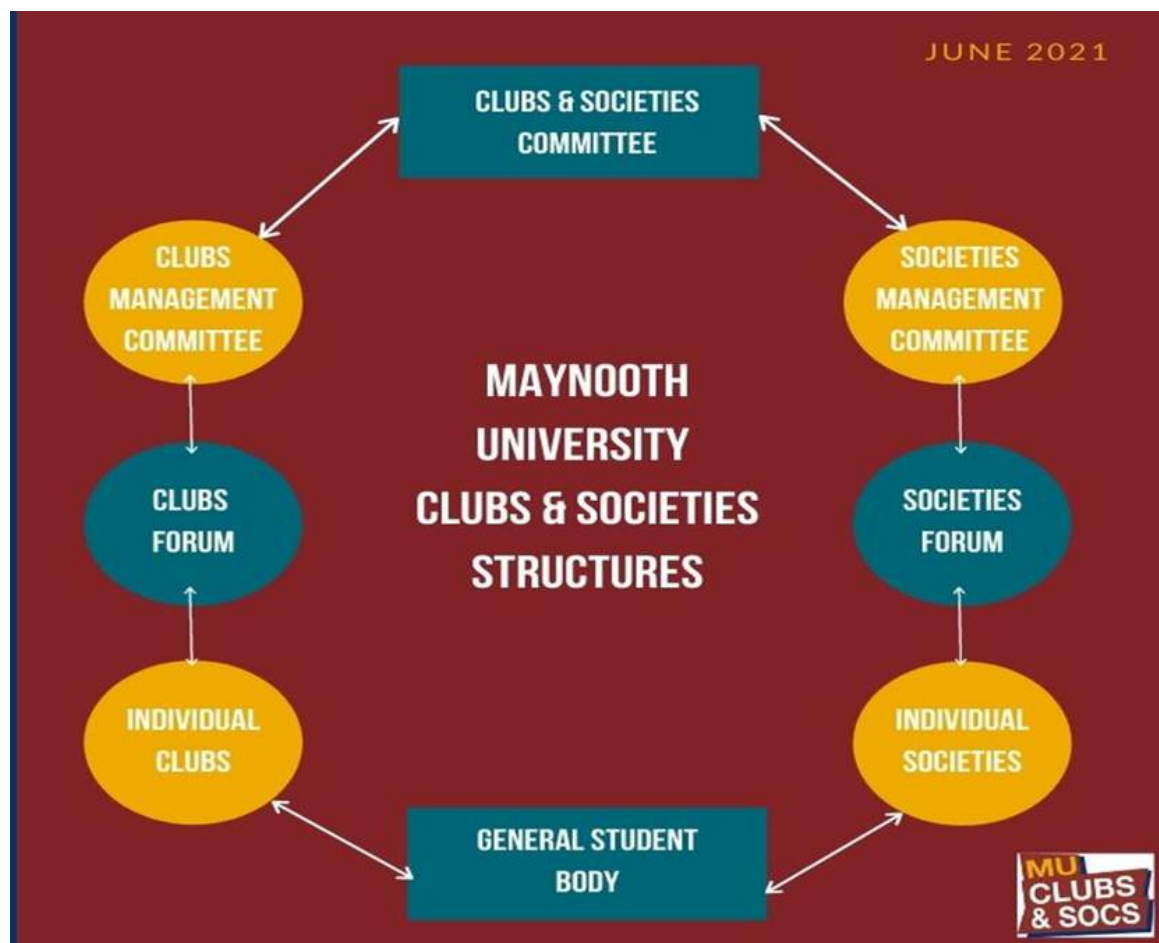


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NEW C&S STRUCTURES

A new structure for Maynooth University Clubs and Societies designed to place students at the heart of the student experience as well as at the heart of clubs and societies decision-making was agreed at a Clubs & Societies Committee on the 27th May 2021.

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CLUBS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



- **Development Rep – Jamie Young**
- **Field Sports Rep – Ben McIntosh**
- **Court Sports Rep – Abigail Goldrick**
- **Individual Sports Rep – Robert McCabe**
- **Outdoor/Adventure/Water Rep – Jordan Quinn**
- **Martial Arts Rep – To be Elected**
- **MSU Vice President Student Life – Anna Travers**
- **Sports Officer – Paul Davis**
- **Clubs & Societies Co-Ordinator – Mary Mac Court**

Court Sports Rep

Abby Goldrick
MSc in Marketing,
VP of Badminton,
Member of Access
Soc, Games Soc, and
Business Soc



Development Sport Rep

Jamie Young
BSc Science
Education
Member of Hurling
Club



Individual Sports Rep

Robert McCabe
Masters in Strategic
Marketing
Member of Athletics
Club



Field Sports Rep

Ben McIntosh
4th Year Bsc Product
Design
President of Hockey
Club, P.R.O of Surf
club

Outdoor Adventure and Water Sports Rep

Jordan Quinn
Final Year LLB
President of
Snowsports



SOCIETIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



- Academic Rep – Jobith Prince
- Civic/Social/Cultural – Sorcha Ward
- Faith Rep – Hira Khan
- Interest and Hobbies Rep – Carrie O'Neill
- Performance Rep – Robyn Nolan
- Political Rep – Alfie Flynn
- MSU Vice President Student Life – Anna Travers
- Student Engagement Officer – Ian Russell
- Clubs and Societies Co-ordinator – Mary Banahan

Academic Rep

Jobitha Prince
4th year LLB Bachelor
of Laws
Member of Law
Society, ELSA,
LegalTech, FLAC



Faith Rep

Hira Khan
3rd Year LLB
President of Islamic
Society, member of
FLAC Society, ELSA
Society, Law Society



Civic/ Social/ Cultural Rep

Sorcha Ward
3rd year LLB
President of FLAC
society



Interest and Hobbies Rep

Carrie O'Neill
2nd Year
International
Business & Chinese
Vice President of MU
Games Society.

Performance Rep

Robyn Nolan
3rd Year BA Music
and Nua-Ghaeilge
Co-President MU
Music Society



Interest and Hobbies Rep

Alfie Flynn
3rd Business &
Management
President of MU Ogra
Fianna Fáil

CLUBS

What have Maynooth University's Clubs been up to in semester one?

ATHLETICS

Back on Track!

After a long year away, this September the Maynooth athletes stepped back on to the Le Chéile track.

The AGM saw the election of Eve Reilly as President, supported by Katie Condon as Vice President, Daniel O'Brien as Treasurer, Sarah Bateson as Secretary and Women's Captain, and Paul Olla as Men's Captain.

The group has trained through rain and snow to lay the foundations for the University competitions in the New Year. With many events and competitions in the upcoming year the Athletics Club look forward to further developing the team.

We're looking forward to seeing the return of our members and hopefully some more new faces in the return to campus.



**"Winning is a habit,
Success is a choice"**

SHOTOKAN KARATE

The Shotokan Karate Club is having a great year, with record membership and training attendance, and is still happy to welcome more. Training takes place every Tuesday and Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 7:30, and caters to all levels of proficiency.



**"A black belt is a white
belt who never gave up"**

SNOOKER

Since returning to campus we have managed to get our 3 pool tables recovered with Hainsworth Smart cloth. This was a great achievement as 2 of the pool tables had ripped cloths, making play difficult. Members have been delighted with this.

We held pool trials back in early November and there was a lot talent to be seen. We are looking forward to the Pool Intervarsities in February as we will have at least 2 strong teams attending. Unfortunately Snooker Intervarsities were cancelled previously but may be held in Semester 2. We held weekly tournaments for Snooker and Pool and a lot of people turned up and showed their potential!



**"Where's
the cue
ball
going?"**



SOCCER

NUI GALWAY 1 MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY 3

Great win for the Maynooth University Soccer fresher squad on Friday 28th January in the Athlone Town FC stadium.

The lads played brilliantly defeating NUI Galway 3-1 . Jack Reynolds scoring two and Gerard O Connor getting the third.

Maynooth University captured the Irish Universities Harding Cup for the first time since 2012 with a deserved 3-1 victory over NUI Galway in the final at Athlone Town Stadium.

MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY TEAM: Sean Martin; Aran O'Brien, Ogaze Irhue, Paul Kiely; Suttan Adenekan, Job Bondo; Gerald Okegualé, Sam Barnes, Jack Reynolds; Gerard O'Connor.
Subs: Luke Neville (for Adenekan 65), Emmanuel Gyamfi (for Kiely 73), Joe McBride (for Okegualé 79), not used Fortune Obeye, David Boyle, Lord Aguafong, Josh Akanji.



SOCIETIES

Taking a look at what Maynooth University Societies have been doing in Semester 1...

FLAC SOCIETY

Throughout Semester One, FLAC Society has been steadfast in providing free legal advice for the students of Maynooth University. We have been working on updating the free legal information handbook "A Guide to Student Rights.", which is available online (here - <https://muflac.webador.ie/publications>) and through the library.

We have also been training our student volunteers and hosting many great social events to top it off.



ISLAMIC SOCIETY

An important aim of the Maynooth Islamic Society is to ensure the integration of Maynooth's Muslim Students into the wider University Community. Recently, we had the opportunity to collaborate with other Societies and we were thrilled with the results!. Alongside the Maynooth Deutsch, French, Indian and Japanese Culture Societies, we held an extremely enjoyable Quiz Culture Night! Seeing all of the members mingle and enjoy themselves whilst meeting people from a variety of diverse cultures was a unique and outstanding experience!



AFRICA SOCIETY

This semester we held quiz nights in which “Africa society members went head to head to see who’s the smartest of them all” as well as MU Chat evenings where “Opinions were flying as we discussed controversial topics”.



There is room for everyone



GAMES SOCIETY

Game Nights

Games Society have been meeting up every week to experience a wide variety of games spread across the entire first floor of the John Hume Building. Anything from exciting board or card games, to console games, RPG's, wargamming, LAN.

If there is any other particular game you would like to play, we will do our best to try organize it.

Business Society

The Business and Finance Society has had an exciting return to campus. After over a year of amazing events online, we finally got the opportunity to meet in person and network with our members.

We kicked off the Semester with campus meet & greets and Virtual Fairs Day, as well as an Annual General Meeting. We co-hosted a guest speaker, the founder, and CEO of Spin-up Science, with the Women in STEM Society and Maynooth Works. The infamous Business Society Discount Cards were launched with a special emphasis on supporting local Business, therefore supporting local students!

Our workshops have been a great success this Semester. We held our annual CV Workshop with Dr. Eddie O'Connor of the School of Business and introduced some new workshops. These included a Speed Networking event so members could learn how to network and a LinkedIn Workshop to help members build a great LinkedIn profile. We also organised a Photographer, so members could get headshot photos taken for their LinkedIn profiles. It has been a busy Semester for the Business Society, and we have lots more exciting events to come for our members in Semester 2.



Anime and Sci-Fi

Returning to campus for the Anime and Sci-Fi Society has been so important. We have rebranded both our name and objective.

During November, two successful collaborations were organised with the Japanese Society. The latter was a screening of the newly released season of popular anime *Jojo's Bizarre Adventure*.



Women in STEM

Women in STEM had collaborations with Maynooth Works, the Business Society and Workhuman in Semester 1. We also organised a tonne of activities and our AGM. We had a rock-paper-scissors tournament and our lucky winner won a mystery prize! At our EGM we had some icebreakers, which brought out a new level of confidence among our members and committee.



Classics Society

We held a few events throughout Semester 1, including: the AGM where a new President, Vice-President, Events Officer, Treasurer and Year Rep were elected. We also organised weekly Tea and Coffee events and a Beginner's Greek Workshop.



Indian Society

Semester 1 for Indian Society proved very eventful! With a Meet and greet, an AGM held on campus and then our online Halloween quiz, we have been having lots of fun!



Clubs and Societies Awards Ceremony

The 28th Clubs and Societies Awards Ceremony took place on the 30th March in the Glenroyal Hotel. Over 300 students attended a wonderful night. This was the first in-person Awards Ceremony in two years and was a great celebration of Clubs and Socs activity at Maynooth University.

Clubs and Societies Awards recognize the effort and dedication of our students and their clubs and societies' activities. Societies category winners go on to represent Maynooth University at the National Society of the Year Awards – BICS.

Well done to this years Awards winners and a BIG THANK YOU to all committees for the hard work and the extra effort it took to run Clubs and Societies this year.

Clubs & Societies Awards 2022 Winners

| Category | Winner | Category | Winner |
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| Best Club | Soccer | Best Society | Musical |
| Most Improved Club | Badminton | Most Improved Society | Trad Music |
| Athlete of the Year | Bilal Khan (Boxing) | Best New Society | Legal Tech |
| Clubs Executive of the Year | Daniel Keane (Shotokan Karate) | Society Person of the Year | Áine Harkin (ELSA) |
| Best First Year Athlete | Cressida Antwi Amaniampong (Athletics) | Best Society First Year | Caoimhe McGrath (Deutsch) |
| Club Event of the Year | Welcome Back Campfire (Rovers) | Society Event of the Year | MU Innovation Challenge (Business) |
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| Category | Winner |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Civic and Charity Award | Disney |
| Best Video | Musical – Went on to when best promotional video at the National Society of the Year Awards |
| Best Poster | Games Society for their Chess Tourney |
| Best Social Media Post | Athletics Club for their Indoor Varsity |
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SOCCER
BEST CLUB



DISNEY
BEST CHARITY AND CIVIC SOCIETY



CRESSIDA ANTWI AMANIAMPONG
ATHLETICS CLUB
BEST FIRST YEAR ATHLETE



AINE HARKIN
LAW SOC.
SOCIETY PERSON OF THE
YEAR





CAOIMHE MCGRATH
DEUTSCH
BEST SOCIETY FIRST YEAR



MUSICAL
BEST SOCIETY



BILAL KHAN
BOXING CLUB
BEST ATHLETE



DANIEL KEANE
SHOTOKAN KARATE
BEST CLUB EXECUTIVE

MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY AT BICS

The Board of Irish College Societies (BICS) is a national organisation constituted in 1995, dedicated to providing a national forum for the societies in Ireland's Universities, Colleges and Institutes of Education.



The Board is responsible for the promotion of interest in the activities of Irish college societies and of contact and co-operation between them.

During the course of the past twenty-six years, the Board has met many of its objectives, in particular the exchange of information, and most successfully, the inauguration of the National Society of the Year Awards. BICS also acts as an information resource and support mechanism for society administrators throughout the country promoting the sharing of ideas and the implementation of best practice.

Student societies are a path to a greater experience of higher education, to building friendships which will last far beyond your college years and gaining skills which are just as valuable as any you will learn in a lecture hall.



Well done to MU Musical Society who represented Maynooth at the National Societies Awards Winning Best Promotional Video.

