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From students to students

Clubs & Societies Year Book

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Societies

Meet our best
Athlete and
Society Person
of the year



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Clubs & Socs

and the year 19/20

It was my pleasure to chair the Clubs and Societies Committee for this year. Having been involved previously on the periphery of some events I had a limited knowledge, but this year truly opened my eyes to the breadth and depth of Clubs and Societies and the richness they contribute to student life.

The committee had to support and work through both the normal annual activities and many operational changes that occurred during the year, including:

- The transition of the management of Clubs & Soc from Maynooth Students' Union to the University.
- The management and support for two Clubs & Socs Fairs Days.
- The creation of a new Clubs & Socs Office.
- The support of many Clubs & Socs through special event funding.
- The support of special equipment requests.
- The transition from Gmail G-Suite to an MU life internal system for emails and storage.
- The transition of coaches to the Unijobs.

Each of these had their own unique challenges that had to be overcome and then even at the end of the year the outbreak of Covid-19 caused the campus to close and we had to address the curtailment of several activities and the migration of the awards night to an online event.

This year was a year of many changes and challenges both for the clubs and societies themselves as well as the committee. It is a testament to the committee and its members really strong spirit of co-operation and desire to do what is best for the Clubs and Socs that all decisions were unanimous and that we successfully managed to achieve so much and deliver the support that Clubs and Socs deserve.

Although there is still quite a bit of uncertainty as to what the next academic year will look like, what we are certain about is that Clubs and Societies will continue to do what they do best – bringing our students together around shared interests and

activities creates the wonderful sense of community that makes Maynooth University such a special campus and the Clubs & Societies Committee will continue to support you to do this.

I leave the year with an increased admiration and appreciation for Clubs and Socs and look forward to supporting them through next year.

Well done all!

Michael



Michael Rafter

Director of Campus and Commercial Services.

Hello everyone,

Well what a year we have had here at Maynooth. This year has been a year of exciting change – new office, new email system, virtual awards and now our first digital year book. We are getting the hang of this “online stuff”. But it is no substitute for meeting you all face to face on a daily basis.

Working with you all each day is such a pleasure, the energy and enthusiasm clubs and societies bring to the campus is second to none. We miss you all so much, dropping into the office and getting the latest news.

We wish all the societies going forward to represent MU at the Bics Awards every success. We think you're all **WINNERS!**

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank each club and society committee for how you have embraced the changes and challenges of this past year.

“

**PROGRESS
IS
IMPOSSIBLE
WITHOUT
CHANGE** *and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.* G. Bernard Shaw.

”

Well done on a great year! Looking forward to meeting you all again soon – there will be so much news to catch up on.

Take care.

The Marys



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Clubs & Societies Coordinator



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Maynooth University Clubs and Societies Committee

Encouraging, promoting
and facilitating students to
get involved in activities
outside the classroom.

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

A quick overview



Led by Students for students. Clubs and Societies are communities of interest and activities who aim to create, encourage and promote a sense of belonging among our students which complements the academic mission of the University.



The Clubs and Societies Awards have been going for 26 years, celebrating the best of Maynooth University and our community.

We are 3579 Club memberships and 7422 Society memberships.

 USA 134	 UK 25	<p>We are now more than 11000 members and counting, with active members from all around the world.</p>	
 GERMANY 104	 CHINA 23		
 SPAIN 55	 POLAND 21		
 INDIA 53	 AUSTRIA 14		
 FRANCE 36	 ITALY 13		 PHILIPPINES 13
 NIGERIA 26	 CANADA 13		 JAPAN 12





Clubs & Societies Fairs Day

THE BEGINNING

We often get the question from new students – what is Clubs & Societies Fairs Day?

In some senses this is the easiest and yet the hardest question to answer. In simple terms, Fairs Day is a gathering of all our student clubs and societies in the one place in order to get new students to join their particular group. In reality, Fairs Day is much, much more than this. In the grander scheme of things, Fairs Day is a beginning:

- It is the beginning of a journey for our new students.
- It is beginning of a new academic year and new opportunities.
- It is the beginning of the most wonderful relationship for many in their time here in Maynooth.
- It is the first spark of passion for a new interest or activity that will continue to grow and burn brightly for many years.
- For some it is the beginning of trying to figure out what they actually like to do and what excites and sustains their “soul”.
- For others it is the beginning of a new part of life’s journey as they continue to do what they always loved.

- It is the start of building up a set of skills that will help you beyond your time here in Maynooth.
- It is the beginning of new friendships that will sustain many throughout their time here and beyond.
- It is the beginning to feel a sense of belonging to something bigger than ourselves.
- It is the beginning of a life long journey that you cannot see the destination.
- It is a beginning...

Fairs Day is also a wonderful opportunity for over a 100 different groups or communities of interest and activities to come together and show what a wonderful campus community we have here in Maynooth as well as the fantastic energy they bring to campus life.

The only question we have for our students which is equally a simple and yet a hard one to answer – Which Clubs and Societies are you going to join?

There are currently over 100 clubs and societies - something for everyone, no matter who you are or what your tastes, there will be a club or a society to suit you.

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CLUBS & SOCIETIES**

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A WORLD OF
POSSIBILITIES**

Clubs and Societies are student run and are a vital part of the student experience here in Maynooth University. Register today at mulife.ie

Clubs

There are currently over 100 clubs and societies, something for everyone, no matter who you are or what your tastes, there will be a club/society to suit you. From developing existing skills, trying something different and making new friends, joining a club or society is one of the best things you can do. Clubs and Societies are student run and are a vital part of the student experience here in Maynooth University.

WINNERS



Racquetball

Hit the ball hard and low.



NEW CLUBS

Powerlifting

The fastest growing sport.

Table tennis

MU Table tennis Club.



Aikido

Your spirit is the true shield

Airsoft

Airsoft, leave paintball for the kids birthday.

American Football

MU Hurricanes.

Aquatics

Swimming for all levels.

Archery

Don't nock it 'til you try it!

Athletics

Don't nock it 'til you try it!



Badminton

Having a smashing time.

Basketball

MU Basketball Club



Boxing

Train hard. Fight easy.

Chess

MU Chess Club.

MUCK

If you like good craic, we're in the same boat.

GAA

"Your club away from home".

Fencing

Excellence is not a skill, but an attitude.

GAA Handball

A Sport For Life.

Golf

#WeAreMU_Golf

Hockey

Sticks and Balls for all.

Judo

Tap, Nap or Snap.

Kenpo Karate

'Training in a great family!'

Kickboxing

MU Kickboxing Club.

Equestrian

MU Equestrian Club.



Olympic Handball

Let's play ball!

Shotokan Karate

A black belt is a white belt who never gave up.

Rugby

MU Barnhall RFC.

Rovers

Scouts, something for anyone who is adventurous!

Volleyball

Volleyball, club, social.

Snowsports

For all your snowy needs.

Soccer

MU Soccer Club.



Surf

Cowabunga!!

TaekwonDo

Martial Art for Everyone.

Trampoline

Maestros of Bouncingdom.

Rock Climbing

Climb to the top.

Ultimate Frisbee

One Club Together.

Snooker

Come for the snooker stay for the craic.

SOCIES

NEW SOCIETIES

Indian

Bringing you back to home.

Justice in Palestine

Free Palestine.

Stand

Stand for what you believe in.

Film

MU Film Society.

Women in Stem

"Empowered women empower the world".

Criminology



Meet your local criminologists!

Filipino

Mabuhay! Welcome to the Filipino Society.

MU Times

A student voice for the student community.

Young Greens

Be Green, Vote Green.

Vaporwave & Synthwave

MU V&S Society.

Karaoke

Come and sing with us!

Jesus Ministry

Students for Jesus.

Young Greens

Be Green, Vote Green.

Chicken Wing

Ain't no thing like a Chicken Wing.

Access

Inclusive for everyone!

Anthropology

For anyone interested in people and culture!

Arts Crafts and Design

The idea is to be creative!

Astro 2

Physics & Astronomy Society.

Creative Writing

Think it, Dream it, Write it!

DJ

No Requests.

Electronics Engineering

Overcome resistance, deliver full potential.



ELSA

European Law Students' Association.

French

Quel cauchemart!

Africa

New Season.

Biology

We're helicases - we know how to unzip your g.

Drama

Don't worry, it's for a play!



Comedy

Back and Mad Craic.

Cuallacht Cholm Cille

Ní neart go chur le chéile!



Chemistry

#DontTryThisAtHome

Cancer

We Won't Give Up Until Cancer Does.

Enactus

Society for Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship.

Galway Cycle

Charity, Cycling and Craic.

Anime & Sci Fi

Sci-Fi, Fantasy and Anime.

Business

where your greater journey begins!



Christian Union

Seek. Share. Serve.

Computer Science

MU CS Society.

Dance

Dance is for everyone.

Education

Not just for teachers!

Cards

Weekly Tournaments and Inter Varsities.

Environmental

Bringing environmental awareness to the campus.

Geography

Geology rocks!

Pride

The place where everyone fits.

Tea

Taking life one cup of tea at a time.

Pokemon

Catch new friends at PokéSoc.

Red Cross

A society with a difference: a society that makes a difference!

Chinese

Help Chinese students to integrate into their new living environment.

Games

Play all sorts of Games with us!

JP II

Thinking about God with others.

History

History, written by the victors, discussed by.

Labour

Putting the Social into Socialism.

Legion of Mary

Young Catholics on Campus.

The Purpose Movement

Move. Grow. Evolve.

Maynooth Mission Outreach

MU Mission Outreach Society.

Deukuma

'Spreading the German culture across campus'.

Socialist Party

A world for the billions, not the billionaires.

Mundo Latino

Un toque de sabor latino!

Trad Music

#mutradmusicsoc

SVP

Youth for Justice.

Sinn Fein

For an Ireland of Equals.

Psychology

"The good life is built with good relationships" - Robert J.W.

Young Fine Gael

The Maynooth University branch of Young Fine Gael - Ireland's largest youth political organ.

Ogra Fianna Fail

An Ireland For All.

Japanese Culture

Youkoso, Nihonbu E!

Hogwarts

For fun, friendship, and maybe magic ;)

Languages

#BilingualReadyToMingle

LIFE

We are the Life Generation!

Maths

Easy as pi ;)

Media

Picture Perfect.

Froebel

Play doesn't need to stop when you're an adult.

FLAC

Your first call for legal information.

Music

Not just for music students!

Yoga

Be a warrior, Not a worrier!

St Catherines

A place of encounter.

Mars FM

Let's Get Campus Talking.

Politics & Sociology

Politics is far too important to be left to Politicians!

Disney

"Laughter is limitless, imagination has no age, and dreams are forever." - W.D.

Philosophy

The Philosophy society

IESN

MU IESN Society.

Islamic

Connecting the Nation through Education.

Law

MU Law Soc 2019/20

Literary & Debating

Discuss, Disagree, Debate.

Mature

@maturestudentsociety

Mental Health

#UnleashTheElephant

Gaisce

Here to provide guidance, inspiration and sup.

Social Democrats

MU Social Democrats Society.

Musical

Step into the Spotlight.



Student Budgeting Advice Service

e: student.budget@mu.ie

The service offers support, advice and guidance to students on managing money while studying at Maynooth University.

The Budgeting Advisor will assist students in exploring their eligibility to apply for a range of financial assistance.

Student Health Centre

t: 01 708 3878

The Student Health Centre is an acute care and advisory service. It offers GP and Nursing care for day-to-day medical and mental health issues during the academic year.

An out of hours medical service is available from Dr Gaffney, located in Maynooth.

Chaplaincy

e: chaplaincy@mu.ie

Chaplaincy offers services including one to one pastoral counselling, bereavement support, exam supports along with faith and spiritual exploration.

The Chaplaincy Service offers a selection of events to students throughout the academic year such as Book Clubs, Yoga and Meditation.

Student Support Hub

e: student.services@mu.ie

The Student Support Hub acts as the first point of contact for student queries in Student Services and provides advice and guidance on the supports available to students.

Short Term emergency funding can be applied for through the Student Support Hub.

Homefinder Service

e: homefinder.service@mu.ie

The service provides a database for students to assist them in their search for accommodation in Maynooth and the areas local to the university.

Information, guidance and support is offered to students, both current and prospective.

Student Support Officer

e: student.support@mu.ie

The Student Support Officer offers one to one support to students. Students requiring personal and practical support are welcome to arrange an appointment with the Student Support Officer who will provide guidance, advice and support.

Crèche

e: creche.care@mu.ie

The crèche is available to staff and students of the University. The service operates across five rooms.

The crèche is located on the north campus of the University.

Counselling

t: 01 708 3554

The Student Counselling Service is a professional, confidential counselling service provided to all registered students of Maynooth University.

Students can arrange appointments with a Counsellor or avail of a daily drop-in clinic.

First virtual Clubs and Societies Awards

Time honoured tradition meets with a 21st Century solution

For 25 years, Maynooth University Clubs and Societies have gathered on an annual basis to recognise, reward and celebrate the fantastic work and achievements of our students.

Although we still continued that tradition of gathering together to celebrate, this year we did things a “little” bit differently as COVID-19 continued to challenge us and how we did things as we virtually hosted our Awards for the 1st time ever.

Instead of us all getting dressed up in our finest clothes and meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel for the awards, we were still getting dressed up but watching the proceedings on our laptops, tablets, phones or TVs.

Instead of going from table to table to chat with others during the night, we stayed in touch with each other on the night via social media.

Instead of preparing speeches to be delivered in front of an audience of over 300 many of our presenters were filming their pieces via a smartphone in front porches, in hallways, in sitting rooms and in kitchens.

It was not uncommon for presenters to greet a postman or courier at the front door fully suited and booted in between filming. Of course, one of the perks also included being able to wear comfortable footwear for the event as we were filming.

Instead of being able to cheer and congratulate the winners as they came up to the stage to collect their trophies we got to watch the winners and their reactions on social media.

Was it different? Most definitely!
Was it a challenge? Absolutely!
Was it worth it? 100 % worth it!

The response from Clubs and societies has been overwhelmingly positive as we still managed to celebrate and recognise your work. Even when we return to the traditional type Clubs & Societies Awards there is much that we have learned from this year which we will use in future. So as we say in the Clubs & Societies Office:



“ What we do and Why we do it has not changed but how we do it most certainly has. ”



CLUBS & SOCIETIES

• AWARDS 2020 •

Soccer Club
Best Club



Table Tennis Club
Club Most Improved



Equestrian Club
Best Club Event



SVP Society
Best Society
Charity & Civic





Kelly Rennick
Best Society Person
Drama Society



I was over the moon to receive this award, I definitely wasn't expecting it. The online awards was the highlight of quarantine so far, it was so nice to have something to look forward to during these times. Getting dressed up at home & celebrating was such a new, enjoyable experience. In such uncertain times, winning that award, even though it was just an announcement over my computer screen, lifted my spirits so much, it felt just like I would have if I had received it in person. One positive to having them online rather than in person is much more people engaged and talked about the awards this year because it spread beyond just the committees who usually attend. I got so many lovely messages from my peers, honestly was such a special time & I'm so grateful for the virtual c+s awards, I'll certainly never forget it!

Words can't describe the feelings we had when Ian announced that our Campus Fun Day won Best Society Event 2019/20. The tears and shock still haven't sunk in. As a committee we want to thank all our amazing members and volunteers who helped on the day. This would not have been possible without all you amazing people. The event allowed the campus community to unwind and destress during the collage week. On the awards night we had a zoom chat to watch the awards. Little did we know, our society would win two awards. The Campus Fun Day allowed to make memories with our friends that will last forever. We hope we can all celebrate together soon, when its safe.



Disney Soc
Best Society Event
Campus Fun Day



Business Soc
MSU Charity Champion



We were absolutely delighted to win the MSU Charity Champion for the 2nd year in a row. One of our major goals each year is to raise as much money for charity as we possibly can, so we were delighted to be able to donate €5,000 to Ataxia Foundation Ireland. The virtual experience was definitely different, but it was really well organised, and we thank everyone involved in it.



**Victoria
Isa Daniel**
Best Club Executive
Athletics Club



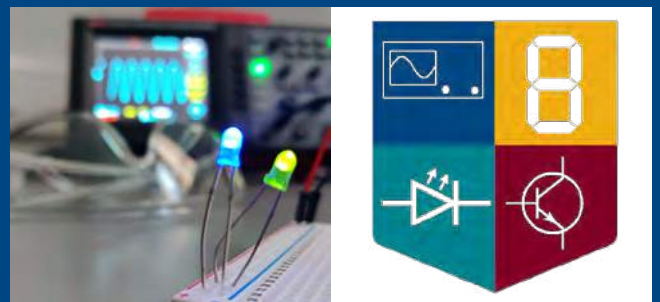
Kris Arcilla
Best First
Year Athlete
Basketball Club



**Racquetball
Club**
Best New Club



**Electronics
Engineering
Society**
Best Photography



**Musical
Society**
Best Poster Design



It was fantastic to see the community atmosphere of Games Society be recognised, and I wish the community could have been together in that moment. Fortunately we had video chats to let us enjoy the ceremony.



Games Soc
Best Society



**Cuallacht
Cholm Cille**
Most Improved Society



We really weren't expecting to win Most Improved Society, so when we heard Cuallacht Cholm Cille and saw our names on the screen, we couldn't believe it! The entire committee were video-chatting while watching the awards, so we all erupted with excitement when we heard our name!

Hi, - I'm Grace Johnson the Events officer of the Disney Society. When I started this year in Maynooth, I was shy, nervous and felt like I didn't fit in. I came from a small village with only 200 pupils in my secondary school. When I came to Disney, I felt like I fitted in. I joined the committee because I loved Disney and I loved to plan events. When I was nominated for best first year, I was so honoured. During coronavirus I started a new job in a nursing home. On the night of the awards I was working so I was listening to it in the kitchen. When they called my name, I burst into tears. I couldn't believe it. The other committee members facetedimed me straight away to congratulate me. It is a massive honour to win this award. Words can't describe how I felt in that moment. I would like to sincerely thank all the MU Clubs and Socs staff especially Mary B, Mary Mac and Ian for all their help throughout the year. I can't wait to meet up with my Disney family and celebrate. Let's see what memories the next year holds.



**Grace
Johnson**
**Best Society
First Year
Disney Society**





Lauren Kelly
Athlete of the year
Soccer Club



With the situation we find ourselves in today, I was unsure if the clubs and societies awards would go ahead, but credit to the committee for putting together a great virtual awards ceremony. Personally, I am very grateful to win Athlete of the year after what was a very good year for me. Most importantly, I am proud that Maynooth University feel I represented the college and my country well at the World University Games over the summer and also throughout my club season. Hopefully we can have more memorable days in Maynooth colours once we can get back playing again.

Of course we were all upset they couldn't be celebrated in person at a ball. The committee held a zoom call to watch the awards together, and we were able to record our reaction to hearing we had won which was great. We were very surprised to win, as Clubs and Societies in Maynooth Uni are amazing and all deserving of awards!



Criminology Society
Best New Society



It was amazing to win at the virtual clubs and Socs awards. Unfortunately, we didn't get to dress up and come to the physical ball to celebrate with our fellow clubs and societies for all our hard work throughout the year. Nonetheless, the Purpose committee were still able to share the victory as we had a video call on as Mary announced that we won. We were absolutely ecstatic. It was a very proud moment for us.



The Purpose Movement
Best Video





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Enhances your employability skills



Gives you the confidence to articulate the skills you have gained at MU



Better self-awareness as you reflect on your achievements



Greater career readiness as you prepare for the future

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1

Register for a MUSE Award on Moodle

2

Attend a one hour induction session

3

Select your theme(s) and undertake relevant activities

4

Record and reflect on your learning and the skills gained

5

Update your CV or attend an interview (MUSE Advanced Level)

6

Submit for assessment and receive the award

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Highlight of the year

By our Clubs & Societies

Highlight of the year - our debutantes festival at the beginning of semester one. We had our highest ever turn out in drama across the 3 nights, with many other clubs and Socs supporting us & attending the shows.

Drama Society.



Our highlight of the year was placing second in the Inter-Collegiate cup, facing reputable Dublin colleges such as DCU, Trinity, TUD, and coming in second place, only losing out to UCD.

Shotokan Karate.



Getting to organise the 25th year of Dominicon. We got to expand our Twitch streaming platform, opening it up to any society member who wanted to host a livestream. I loved it because it allowed the community to grow and members to have fun trying something new for free. It was a significant addition to the society and will continue to grow in the years ahead.

Games Society.



It was a huge win for Maynooth University Ógra Fianna Fáil to be nominated as Most Improved Society, and for our Chairperson, Niall Carden, to be nominated as Society Person of the Year. This reflected the effort put in by the hard-working committee who have made Ógra the most active political society on campus. The society has grown so quickly in such a short space of time... Onwards and upwards!

Ógra Fianna Fáil.



The highlight of my societies year was spending time with my Purpose Family.

The Purpose Society.

The highlight of the year for Ladies football in Maynooth was qualifying for the Semi-finals that were to take place in Kerry this year. However, as a result of the coronavirus this could no longer take place. Although the girls never got to experience the weekend, the feeling of the final whistle blowing on the pitch was one of the best memories you could take away from the year. Seeing the joy and happiness throughout the team and management was worth all the work put in throughout the year.

Ladies GAA.



The highlight of our year as a society was the reviving the annual staff and student Christmas Party in the Department of Psychology. This event was a great opportunity for students from all year groups to mingle and interact with lecturers and other staff. The party was a huge success, and it was really rewarding to see students enjoying themselves, and that the work that our committee had put into organising the event had paid off!

Psychology Society.



Our first training session which packed out JHL 7.

FLAC Society.



The highlight for us was of course the Criminology Society Ball! It was the first event we ever wanted to hold, and something we promised ourselves we would hold before the 6 core members who set up the society graduated. Seeing lecturers from the Criminology department show up and support us was amazing! Definitely the best night of our college experience!

Criminology Society.



We have had so many amazing awareness weeks and two major showcase events this year but we are extremely proud to have hosted the first 'Maynooth Game-show' in November! We invited all clubs and socs to get involved and were ecstatic to have Games, Criminology, Literary and Debating, Drama, Rovers and Cuallacht there on the night!

Access Society.

This year we decide to organize a fun day, to raise money for Ataxia Ireland and to engage with the campus community. Despite all the challenges we faced, the Campus Fun Day was a massive success. We would like to thank all our members and the collage community who volunteered and attended on the day. The event wouldn't have happened without their support and help. With fun and games, it was an event that we will never forget.

Disney Society.

Highlight

Tea soc is an amazing society. You'd think all we do is sit and drink tea which is true but I've never seen a society where you can learn more about different people (and the different kind of tea drinking habits they have; tells you a lot about them!). It's the most welcoming society I've ever walked into. Never felt out of place.

Tea Society.



The highlight of our societies year, has to be the running of the 10th Annual Business Ball at the Glen Royal Hotel on the 9th March. We spent 9 months planning it to ensure we had the best ball yet. There was a photo booth, prosecco reception, huge raffle with lots of prizes, a lot with performances from a live band and DJ Craig Manning.

Business Society.



Maynooth's Best Dance Crew. Dance Society.



Our best highlight of the year is when we went to Pink Training in NUIG. It was a great opportunity for our members to spend the weekend learning about LGBT+ issues, to get to know each other better, and to meet members of Pride societies all over Ireland.

Pride Society.



A highlight for us here in the society would be from back in October, the 12th and 13th where we hosted a weekend of P4C training with the President of Philosophy Ireland Marelle Rice. We were incredibly lucky to have had this opportunity and we had tons of fun. It was great getting to know our members, exploring new aspects of philosophy and meeting the esteemed philosopher.

Philosophy Society.



A highlight for the society for this year would be the breakfast we had in February with the new committee and the Baby elephants. It was a really positive event where we had a huge brainstorming session and got to learn the positive memories the members had over the year. We were filled with hope and pride as we shared stories and ideas as a new family.

Mental Health Society.

of the year

Although we hosted several highly engaging and stimulating events throughout the year, such as our annual Charity Liferaft Debate and our brand-new Community Action against Alcohol Project [CAAP] Schools Debate, our highlight of the year has to be the LEAD/Lit & Deb General Election Debate 2020.

Several members of our Committee moderated a fantastic debate between all of the student-led political parties in Maynooth University. The event was hosted less than a week before the Irish General Election 2020, and attracted a crowd of over 200 students to the MSU Venue. The debate was an excellent opportunity, allowing the Society to broaden MU students' awareness of each political party's platform in advance of a crucial general election. It most definitely stands as our highlight of the year.

Literary & Debating Society.



Christmas Craft Fair. Arts, Crafts & Design Society.

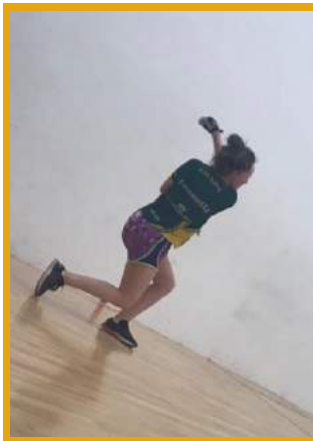
Highlight



The highlight of our year was definitely our International Negotiation Competition held on March 6th-9th on North Campus. We worked with

students from America, India and France, with judges from the Law Department, law firms and a few trainee solicitors. It was amazing to experience different styles of law in a competition we organised ourselves. We are so grateful to the Law Department and ELSA Ireland for all the help they gave to us, and we cannot wait to start planning next year's event!

ELSA Society.



Having new members work hard and improve their skills.
GAA Handball Club.

Our first Pop-Up Gaeltacht of the year in the Students Union. We hadn't even had our AGM yet and over 50 people came! It was such a great night getting to meet new and old faces!

Cuallacht Cholm Cille.

of the year

Hello,

Hey,

Hi!

My name is Bukky

Bukky Adebowale and I am the MSU Vice-President Student Life Elect. It is my absolute honour to be the first elected into this sabbatical officer position, and not only that, but the first black female sabbatical officer in the history of MSU.



I am finishing up in my last year of biological and biomedical sciences (it is as tough as it sounds, but I have loved the last two years of it the most). Outside of all the books, clubs & socs have been my life (I probably put 80% of my degree energy into them; disclaimer: your degree is important so do not forget it lol).

I have been a part of clubs and societies for 4 years and have been on 4 different committees and if I were not as involved, I would have never become a sabbatical officer.

Being a part of clubs and socs has genuinely changed my life;

I would not be the person I am today without them. MU clubs & socs have given me unreal opportunities like travelling to different countries (Disneyland being my favourite), making new friends, gaining new skills, becoming a BICS adjudicator and even connecting in the professional world.

What I do as vice-president student life, I get to oversee all things related to student engagement (events, charity, promotion, campus life, and all the other fun stuff). I will get to plan and host events alongside the three other sabbatical officers and create new ways of getting diverse groups of

people involved in campus life.

I will work with the wonderful club and society staff to help students engage with clubs and societies in the best way possible. I will be planning a great inter-club and society event in the upcoming year (praying that it all goes to plan of course) to raise money for the SU charity of the year. I hope that it will encourage collaboration and most importantly, lots of banter!

Overall, my hope is that I represent students and encourage diversity, culture, and fun into the students' union! I can't wait to start.

For ever grate ful



A message to MU Clubs and Societies by Paul Kenny, MSU VP Clubs, Societies and Student Engagement.

This year has been full of surprises. Unfortunately, we didn't get to have the story book ending but this is not the end. The relationships and memories will be with us forever. I have had the privilege of working alongside you over the past 2 years and I have seen the passion of each and every member. I want to say a massive thank you to the Marys, the Student's Union and the Capitation committee for all of their contribution to student life. I also want to thank all of you for creating such a great experience for the students of Maynooth University. I will be forever grateful for my time in Maynooth University.

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DANCE SOCIETY

BEST MEMORIES

Our best memory is placing 3rd place in mixed at dance intervarsities.

"If you just sit back and listen to people from rehearsals right up to the competition itself, and listening to everyone complimenting and supporting one and other, it gives a real sense that you belong somewhere" Jodie Moran





LITERARY AND DEBATING

"Freedom means the right of people to assemble, organize and debate openly"
Hillary Clinton.

We have many great memories from this past year, including the moment in which three of the Society's debaters progressed to the black tie semi finals of the highly prestigious Irish Times Debating Competition, and several Open Mic evenings in which renowned literary artists performed in Maynooth University.

Our best memory, however, has to be when the Society was invited to sit in the audience of the Claire Byrne Live Show in mid-February. The show reached out to us, having heard that we moderated the aforementioned General Election Debate in Maynooth University. It was an extremely enjoyable, unique and interesting evening, and our members valued the rare opportunity to experience the show's fast-paced and intellectually stimulating environment on a first-hand basis.



ACCESS SOCIETY

BEST MEMORIES

Our annual Lip Sync is a true favourite every year and this year was no different with so many students getting involved along with our guest queens fabulously hosting this event! We were delighted to have four fun and fantastic guest judges this year as well!



"Inclusion is not tolerance, it is unquestionable acceptance"

Submitted by - **Access Society**



CRIMINOLOGY SOCIETY

In all honesty, the one phrase which was said the most through all this was *"Its Fine, We Got This!"*. Any time some members weren't able to attend, we would always try and hold several versions of the event if possible, to facilitate everyone attending. Any time an event went awry, someone on the committee always pulled out an idea to fix the situation. Any time we had doubts about an event turnout, or a form that had to be filled in, or even struggling with juggling assignments and the society, someone would always say *"Its Okay, We Got This!"*. And we always did!

Every single committee member agreed that the best memory from our society experience (aside from holding the ball) was winning Maynooth University Best New Society Award in recognition of all the hard work we put in over the last 18 months. It was a great note for the current committee to end on, and a great footing for next year's committee to start from.

BEST MEMORIES



THE PURPOSE MOVEMENT

Our best memory is recording the Beebox video and winning 'Best Video' at the Clubs & Societies award. Also, practicing for our 'worship night' event.

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another"

Submitted by - The Purpose Movement.

FLAC SOCIETY

Our best memories are Nialls FLAC Banner and The Committee's photo taken at the Law Ball 2019.



"If it was not for club and socs my university experience would have been incomplete"

Submitted by - FLAC Society



BEST MEMORIES

DRAMA SOCIETY

Competing in Maynooth's best dance crew. We loved working with other clubs & Socs. We loved getting to do something different outside of drama.

"Creating relationship is the heart of acting. It is basic. It is essential"
Michael Shurtleff



PHILOSOPHY SOCIETY

The overall best memory for the society would be the intervarsity we co-hosted with Galway University. Having only been a society for three months at the time, it went exceptionally well, we met philosophers from around the world, successfully gave talks and listened to their thesis. We had quite an adventure too meeting wonderful people from around the globe.

"In the end what we regret most are the chances we never took"

Submitted by - Philosophy Society

TEA SOCIETY

A few years ago, when we ran out of earl grey tea, which sent one of our members into a weird frozen state in hysteria under the table. Never laughed more in our lives because who even likes earl grey?

*"I've got all the ammunition;
and I will use it if I need to"*
Emily Swords Whelan



BEST MEMORIES

Going to BICS with Dominicon in 2019. Getting to hear about the amazing events created by other societies around the country and being there to represent Maynooth/Games Society at such a high level was inspirational.



GAMES SOCIETY

Despite coming into first year not knowing a single person in the university, I got to enjoy, participate in, and grow a wholesome community. It helped motivate me to keep going throughout my degree. I found a community that accepted me, helped me grow as a person and hone my skills as a leader and organiser. I fully believe that being a part of Games Society is why I stayed in Maynooth and graduated. Having friends and somewhere to belong is important. So jump in!



SHOTOKAN KARATE CLUB



Our best memory was the success that our Self Defence Seminar brought, with so much interest from people wanting to learn how to defend themselves.

"Every black belt is just a white belt who kept training. Stay persistent and consistent, and more opportunities will present themselves"

Submitted by - Shotokan Karate Club

MENTAL HEALTH SOCIETY

BEST MEMORIES

The overall best memory for the society for this year would be successfully running the YMM festival back in November. It was the first of its kind in Maynooth and it helped spread awareness for positive mental health around the campus. It was incredible being involved in running a huge event like that and having the opportunity to work with so many amazing people. We are so proud to have been part of what is sure to be a reoccurring event nationwide.



"The man on top of the mountain didn't fall there"

Submitted by -
Mental Health Society

The Gala ball after our INC is our best memory. It was a great night to be able to relax after our hard weekend of work and get to know all the participants of the competition, who we still keep in touch with internationally. It was such a safe space to relax and get feedback on the weekend and what we could improve on for the coming years. It was an honour to be part of such an amazing weekend, a one we will all remember.

ELSA SOCIETY



"It always seems impossible until it's done". We faced a lot of major hurdles this year when it came to event planning, and we had doubts at times but in the end it all worked out ok.

Submitted by - ELSA Society



BEST MEMORIES



CHUALLAUGHT CHOLM CILLE SOCIETY

Each Tae & Plé on Tuesdays and Thursdays!
Sipping tea and eating too many biscuits with friends!

*"Is fearr cairde ná ór -
friendship is worth more than gold"*

Submitted by -

Chuallacht Cholm Cille Society

ATHLETICS CLUB

Our best club memory is definitely our first official christmas party! It was a great way to round off 2019 and to say goodbye to so many of our amazing erasmus students who were only there for a semester. It was also a great team bonding experience.



ART, CRAFT AND DESIGN SOCIETY

Our best memories are drawing Charades.



*"Make your life a MASTERPIECE, imagine no
limitations on what you can be, have or do!"*

Submitted by - Art, Craft & Design Society

BUSINESS SOCIETY

The best memory was when we collaborated with The Mental Health Society for our Ted Talk. We brought in Ted Talk and motivational speaker John Doran who gave an amazing seminar on 'How to Thrive in a World of Busy.' The room was packed with students and staff and everyone truly enjoyed the night.

"Be the change you want to see in the world." - Business Society

PRIDE SOCIETY

Our first coffee morning this year was so much fun, getting to see everyone again after summer and welcoming our lovely new members to the society. Going to the Pride parade in Dublin was a great moment. A lot of our members had never been to a Pride parade before and it was amazing to see everyone come out of their shell and just have fun celebrating who they are.

"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory." - Dr Seuss

"OHANA means family. Family means nobody gets left behind or forgotten."
- Stitch

Submitted by - Disney Society

BEST MEMORIES AND QUOTES

"Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you, spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life" - Amy Poehlar

Submitted by - Ladies GAA

ÓGRA FIANNA FÁIL SOCIETY

One of this year's best memories was taking a day trip to Dublin and going to Leinster House. Some of us experienced the Dáil for the first time and met key political figures. At the end of the tour we got to try out a pint in the Dáil bar!

Ógra Fianna Fáil
"An Ireland for All"

GAA HANDBALL CLUB

Meeting everyone for the first time and getting together for training.

GAA Handball Club
Just Kill it!

Describe involvement in Clubs & Societies here at Maynooth University Ireland

INCLUSIVE - CRIMINOLOGY SOCIETY

AMAZING - BUSINESS SOCIETY
EMPOWERING - LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY
EXPERIENCE - ELSA

FULFILLING - THE PURPOSE MOVEMENT
MEMORIES
SANITY - ACCESS SOCIETY

LIFE CHANGING - PRIDE SOCIETY
UNFORGETTABLE - CUALLACHT CHOLMCILLE
ADVENTURE

REWARDING - GAA HANDBALL CLUB
INCLUSION
OPPORTUNITY

BELONGING - DISNEY SOCIETY

FRIENDSHIP - ACCESS SOCIETY
ACCEPTANCE
MEANINGFUL - ÓGRA FIANNA FÁIL
FUN

GRATEFUL

WELCOMING
DIVERSENESS
COMMUNITY
HOME
FAMILY - TEAS SOCIETY
- ARTS CRAFTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY

EDUCATIONAL - FLAC SOCIETY

INSPIRATIONAL - DRAMA SOCIETY
ENJOYMENT - SHOTOKANKARATE