

# What's Happening Guide

## NUI Galway Societies

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October 18th 2009

**11th - 15th October is Mental Health Week!** (Read More...)



ARTSOC SHOW SOME LOVE: Face painting for charity in aid of Merlin Park Hospital's Psychiatric Ward

## Welcome to the Societies' What's Happening Guide!

Welcome to the third edition of the Societies' What's Happening Guide, your one-stop shop for all that's coming up for the week in Societies, as well as some news and features on some of the most exciting events and happenings on and off campus!

We've had a manic week with all the Socs Training that took place, not to mention the amazing array of events that have been going on since Societies' Day! All

of our societies are up and running now with a host of diverse events from food tasting to nights out to trips away, and much more!

If you have missed out on any of the events during the week, fear not: inside is a look ahead to what's coming up this week! Remember if you're not sure about something or would just like some more information, call down to the new SocsBox, behind the black reception desk in the foyer of Áras na Mac Léinn.

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### THE SOCIETIES' OFFICE

Come visit us in our new HQ!

THE SOCIETIES' OFFICE has relocated to the centre of Áras na Mac Léinn. Find out about some of the new facilities in last week's edition or call to the office to find out more!

THE SOCSBOX is your one-stop-shop for all the latest info on societies, as well as tickets for the hottest events on campus. Contact us: 091-492852 or e-mail [socsbox@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:socsbox@socs.nuigalway.ie)

### SOCIETIES' HOMEPAGE

[www.socs.nuigalway.ie](http://www.socs.nuigalway.ie)

Get the latest, up-to-the minute information on what's going on with societies. Check out the calendar to see upcoming events, or visit the Societies' Profiles to get information on each individual society! Don't forget to log in with your Student ID and NUIG Password - you can customise the homepage to feature the information you want, where you want it, including updates from your favorite Societies and news from the Societies' Office.

### YOURSPACE

[www.yourspace.nuigalway.ie](http://www.yourspace.nuigalway.ie)

It's YOUR space - you can join Clubs and Societies by logging in and choosing the 'Clubs and Societies' link at the top of the page. You can also update your contact details and select how you would like Societies to contact you - by e-mail and/or by SMS. You can also use Yourspace to log your volunteer hours for Societies in order to receive ALIVE Certification at the end of the year!

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# What's Happening: MONDAY

## Draiocht

### Meeting

Time: All Day

Venue: The Hub

Weekly get togethers to discuss what happened during the week and a chance to catch up with other members

## FanSci

### Movie Night

Time: All Day

Venue: McMunn Theater (Concourse)

Come along to watch sci-fi and fantasy movies, tv episodes, anime's and all sorts. If there's something you want to see email us at fansci@socs.nuigalway.ie

## Law Soc

### Presentation on American Bar Programme

Time: 13:00 - 14:00

Venue: Careers Seminar Room

The Independant Colleges of Ireland are hosting a presentation on the American Bar Programme.

## Societies Officer

### Drumming Workshop

Time: 13:00 - 15:00

Venue: Large Accoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn

Drumming Workshop, hosted by the Students' Union as part of Mental Health Week.

## Societies Officer

### Giant Games

Time: 13:00 - 16:00

Venue: The View, Áras na Mac Léinn

Come play Giant Games with the Students' Union as part of Mental Health Week

## Societies Officer

### AISTEOIRÍ ÓGA AG TEASTÁIL

Time: 14:30 - 17:30

Venue: The Stage Áras na Macléinn

Ros na Rún

### AISTEOIRÍ ÓGA AG TEASTÁIL

Tá Ros na Rún ag cuardach fir óga idir an aois ghrúpa 16-18 le páirt a ghlacadh sa sraith atá dhá thaifeadadh faoi láthair.

Carachtar: Oisín – Is buachaill leochaileach é Oisín atá ag iarraidh neamhspleachais óna mháthair, bean a bhfuil anáil láidir aici air. Má tá Gaeilge agat agus má tá suim agat san aisteoireacht tar chuig na héisteachtaí a bheidh ar siúl an tseachtain seo chugainn. Seo a leanas an t-eolas: Má tá suim agat éisteacht a dhéanamh seol ríomhphost ag leiriuchain@rosnarun.com nó cuir glaoh ar lorraine ag 091-558400 chun am atá feiliúnach duit a shocrú le do thoil.

## Art Soc

### Mental Health Week art session

Time: 15:00 - 17:00

Venue: Art Room, Áras na Mac Léinn

Join ArtSoc for some therapeutic art and creativity as part of Mental Health Week

## Dansoc

### Dansoc classes

Time: 17:00 - 20:00

Venue: The Cube

Mondays:

Irish Dancing 3 classes: 5pm, 6pm and 7pm

## Law Soc

### Traditional Careers in Law

Time: 18:00 - 19:30

Venue: IT125

Traditional careers in law is an annual seminar hosted by experts in their particular field. It promises to be an interesting talk.

## Musical Society (GUMS)

### Dance Rehearsal

Time: 18:00 - 20:00

Venue: The Stage

Rehearsals for dancers in the Musical

## Orchestra Soc

### Rehearsal

Time: 19:00 - 20:30

Venue: Áras na Mac Léinn

## FanSci Society

### Movie Night

Time: 19:00 - 22:00

Venue: McMunn Theater (Concourse)

Come along to watch sci-fi and fantasy movies, tv episodes, anime's and all sorts. If there's something you want to see email us at fansci@socs.nuigalway.ie

## Compsoc

### Monday Mashup

Time: 19:00 - 21:00

Venue: tbc

CompSoc Monday Mashup is a great way to meet people with the same interest as yourself, We will be holding different tutorials threw out the year and also be playing Rockband, Guitar Hero, Halo 3 and other great console games. There will be a Switch to hook up your laptop and play computer games, share funny videos and just have a laugh!

## Sinn Fein Soc

### Cruinniú Seachtainiúil - Weekly Meeting

Time: 19:00 - 20:00

Venue: AC202

We hold a weekly meeting every Monday at 7pm to discuss current political affairs, socialist republicanism, and organise events for the year among many other various topics. New members always welcome!!

Bíonn cruinniú seachtainiúil againn gach Luain ag a 7 chun cúrsaí reatha pholaitiúil agus poblachtas shóisialach a phlé. Comh maith leis sin na himeachtaí don bhliain a eagrú anseo i measc go leor ábhair eile. Tá fáilte roimh dhaoine nua i gcónaí !!

## Writers Group Soc

### Weekly Meeting

Time: 19:00 - 21:00

# News & Reviews: MEATH ÓGRA SHINN FÉIN EDUCATION PICKET

Meath Ógra Shinn Féin led a large crowd on a picket outside the Navan offices of Fianna Fáil Minister Noel Dempsey last Friday. The picket was held as part of the ongoing campaign by Meath Ógra Sinn Féin against the severe cuts being introduced in schools around the county this week.

Sinn Féin Cllrs Peadar Tóibín and Navan Town Mayor Joe Reilly attended the picket. Ógra activist Daití Byrne stated:

*“Some parents have been hit with bills up to €800 for books and school uniforms, many parents will not be able to pay these amounts and their children will go without school books this term.”*

The Meath Sinn Féin Cllrs have also tabled a motion for the September meeting of Navan Town Council calling on the government to reverse these savage cuts. According to North Leinster Cúige Organizer Caoimhe Ní Shluáin:

*“Fianna Fail and the Green Party have axed a raft of significant and important education services across schools in Meath. But they are not finished yet. If Fianna Fáil have their way and implement the McCarthy report a further 3400 teaching posts will be axed, small rural schools will be amalgamated, a further 2,000 special needs teachers will be axed, a further 1,000 language support teachers will be cut and the cost of school transport will be increased. These cuts are not necessary. It is a simple matter of priorities. Do we bail out the banks or educate our children?”*

Venue: Computer Suite, Áras na Mac Léinn

Writers' Soc host their weekly meeting. All welcome.

## Young Fine Gael Soc

### YFG Hosts: Padraic McCormack TD

Time: 20:00 - 21:00

Venue: Meeting Rooms 1 & 2, Aras Na Mac Leinn (Upstairs)  
The YFG Soc will be hosting a talk by FG Galway West TD, Deputy Padraic McCormack, Vice-Chairperson of the Joint Committee on Environment and Local Government. Deputy McCormack will give a short talk, which will be followed by a Q7A session. All are welcome to attend and the society will be moving on to the college bar after the meeting.

## Cumann de Barra

### Cumann De Barra Ogra Fianna Fail EGM

Time: 20:00 - 21:15

Venue: AC 202 (On the concourse)

Cumann De Barra are holding an EGM to elect the remaining officers to their committee. The vacant positions which are elected at the start of every year include 1st year rep and assistant secretary. These positions can be filled by anyone who is a member of CDB and has a proposer and a seconder on the night. This is a great opportunity to get involved in a society on campus and we hope to see you there.

## Macra na Feirime

### SPEED DATING!!!!

Time: 21:30 - 23:00

Venue: the Kings Head

That's right the infamous Macra Speed Dating is BACK!! Come along to the Kings Head Monday the 12th of October from 9.30pm on and try your luck at speed dating - Macra style!!! FREE!!! food, beverages, music and great spot prizes all provided!! All welcome!!

# Feature: JEROME HYNES' MEMORIAL ONE ACT PLAY SERIES

Submissions are now being taken for the Jerome Hynes one Act play Series which will take place during the new NUI Galway Theatre Festival March 1st - 6th 2010.

If you wish to participate in the one Act play series click here for full details: [Guidelines](#)

## SCHEDULE 2009-2010

**5TH NOVEMBER:** First meeting with chosen playwrights.

**10TH NOVEMBER:** Directors deadline.

**12TH NOVEMBER:** Directors deadline – initial meeting with directors.

**17TH NOVEMBER:** Writing workshops will be allocated this week for each play - directors included.

**22nd November:** Final Deadline for completed scripts.

**26th November:** General Directing workshop with scripts and directors - playwrights included.

**13&14 JANUARY:** Casting.

**18TH JANUARY:** First rehearsal and onwards rehearsals including one Acting workshop. Date TBC.

**15TH FEBRUARY:** During this week a run through of each play with a full cast and no script will be rehearsed with a workshop facilitator. One and half hours will be given to each play. Details will be confirmed nearer the time.

**22 – 26TH FEBRUARY:** Technical lights/sound / set rehearsal. Four hours allocated to each play to sort out technical requirements for each play.

**1ST - 5TH MARCH:** One Act play series as part of Theatre Week.

# What's Happening: TUESDAY

## TradSoc

*Mental Health Week trad session*

Time: 13:00 - 13:30

Venue: Outside the Library

Spirit-lifting, toe-tapping session for mental health week

## Food & Drink Soc

*Cupcake Decorating*

Time: 14:00 - 16:00

Venue: Foyer, Áras na Mac Léinn

FADSoc invite you to come and decorate cupcakes, apparently the world's best therapy!

## Art Soc

*Mental Health Week art session*

Time: 15:00 - 17:00

Venue: Art Room, Áras na Mac Léinn

Join ArtSoc for some therapeutic art and creativity as part of Mental Health Week

## Dansoc

*Dance Soc Classes*

Time: 17:00 - 20:00

Venue: The Stage

5pm Salsa; 6pm Intermediate hip hop; 7pm Break dancing

## Suas Society

*Global Issues Seminars*

Time: 18:00 - 20:00

Venue: Aras na Mac Leinn, Upstairs in Meeting Room 1

A very worthwhile and thought-provoking series of seminars covering topics such as Development, Human Rights Activism, Child Labour and Asylum Seeking on every Tuesday from 6-8pm for 6 weeks. No previous knowledge necessary! Meet experts in the field for an informative and interactive discussion with open-minded people. At the end of the course you will be issued a certificate endorsed by Irish Aid. The 6 week course is just €20. Sign up at [www.suas.ie](http://www.suas.ie) or turn up on the night.

## Juggling Soc

*Juggling Tutorial and Practice Session*

Time: 18:00 - 22:00

Venue: Áras na Mac Léinn

Every week we have some of the best jugglers around giving workshops in their chosen area of expertise, so come along if you want to learn how to swing Poi, twirl Staffs, juggle Clubs and Balls, spin Diablos, roll Contact Balls, flip Hats and do .... well cool stuff with Devil Sticks! I think you get the idea! People of ALL skill levels welcome from complete beginner to advanced. If you don't want to participate in the workshop come along anyway to use our equipment and as always feel free to ask anyone you want to teach you anything you want!!

## Geography Soc

*EGM*

Time: 18:00 - 18:30

Venue: No suggestions found

EGM to elect a new committee for the 09/10 year. Proposals for new events for the year.

## Poker

*Poker Freezeout Tournament*

Time: 18:00 - 23:59

Venue: Upstairs Aras na mac Leinn

Its going to be a deep-stack game that will have a starting chip stack of 15,000. The Prize Fund is probably going to be 1000 euro, maybe even more depending on the number of people that attend. Tickets are on sale in the soc box for 20 euro. Also there will be refreshments during the break!

## German Soc

*Filmabend*

Time: 18:30 - 20:30

Venue: AM200

Film hosted by German department with English subtitles.

## Art Soc

*Art Soc Classes*

Time: 19:00 - 21:00

Venue: Art Room, Aras na Mac Leinn

Weekly Classes in our new art room, all welcome.

## Lit & Deb

*Workshop 3 - Intro to Mace Debating 1*

Time: 19:00 - 21:00

Venue: Kirwan Theatre

An introduction to Mace-style debating, concentrating on simpler ideas like structure, points of information, rebuttal, positional requirements etc. Followed by a "pro-am" debate where fresher debaters are teamed up with more experienced speakers. Then, time to hit the town once more.

## FilmSoc

*Hot Rod*

Time: 19:00 - 22:00

Venue: O'Flaherty Theatre

Self-proclaimed stuntman Rod Kimble is preparing for the jump of his life - to clear fifteen buses to raise money for his abusive stepfather Frank's life-saving heart operation. - very funny

## Musical Society (GUMS)

*Acting Rehearsals*

Time: 19:00 - 21:00

Venue: The Cube

Acting Rehearsals for the principles parts only!

## Young Greens Soc

*Wall E*

Time: 19:00 - 21:00

Venue: Acoustic Room 1, Aras na Mac Léinn

To help make up for the seriousness of the theme of the first film we showed this year (good as it was) we thought we'd go for something a little more light hearted this week! Whether you've seen Wall E already or not it makes a great way to relax on a Tuesday evening.

## Christian Union Soc

*Christianity Explored*

Time: 19:30 - 21:30

Venue: AC214

DVD based on the Gospel of Mark looking at why we should believe the Bible and who Jesus was. Followed by discussion and light refreshments. All welcome!

## G-eos

*Welcoming party*

Time: 20:00 - 23:59

Venue: The Quadrangle (downstairs, left wing, the Staff club)

Free pizzas and refreshments. Make lots of friends.

## Compsoc

*Compsoc Tuesday LANNING*

Time: 20:00 - 23:00

Venue: Squareeyes

Come down the Squareeyes at Foster Street Every Second Tuesday to enjoy 4 hours of great entertainment by fraging other CompSoc members. This great venue have 50+ machine all top of the range connected to each other with the most recent games. For 4 hours it will be €12 with a free hot dog or free milkshake now thats a good deal!

## Photography Soc

*PhotoSoc Meeting*

Time: 20:00 - 23:59

Venue: The Space, Aras Na Mac Leinn

This is going to be a social event. We are going to meet up so that we can get to know each other and then either head to the college bar or into town! Should be a great night! Come along and meet all the new members and get to know the new committee

## German Soc

*Stammtisch*

Time: 20:30 - 23:59

Venue: The Salt House

Weekly chance to practice your German. All Welcome

## Human Rights Soc

*Rockin' Human Rights Party*

Time: 20:30 - 23:59

Venue: The Celler Bar

Where is the coolest place to be this Tuesday night? It's with the Human Rights Soc at the Celler of course! Free food discount refreshments. Now that's value for money. Come along for a guaranteed night of fun and frolics.

## Anime and Manga Society

*E.G.M / Dead Space Downfall*

Time: 21:00 - 23:30

Venue: Large Acoustic room

We will be having our E.G.M to elect our new committee for the year and then we will kick the year off by watching Dead Space: Downfall. Afterwards we will pop into town for a chat!! Cya There.

## Trad Soc

*Weekly Session*

Time: 22:00 - Late

Venue: The Crane Bar, Sea Road

Weekly session with TradSoc, come along for a fun night!

## News & Reviews: SLÁINTE ORGAN DONOR SURVEY



Organ transplantation is a vital treatment for which hundreds of people throughout Ireland are on waiting lists. Worldwide, there is a sizable gap between the number of patients requiring organ transplants and the number of donor organs.

*"The Sláinte Society annual organ donation awareness week aims to promote the carrying of organ donor cards and raise awareness of issues related to organ donation among the students in the university."*

From 2006-2008 members of the NUI Galway Sláinte Society conducted a survey as part of their annual organ donation promotion, to assess attitudes towards organ donation and donor card carrying rates among university students. The study, lead by medical students Gerard Healy and Kapil Sharma was carried out in conjunction with the Galway branch of the Irish Kidney Association. Of the 1103 students surveyed over the three year period, 34.6% currently carried organ donor consent cards. However the majority of respondents were favourably disposed towards donation, with only 9% decidedly against it. When asked about consent for organ donation, the majority were in favour keeping the current "opt-in" consent methodology rather than changing to a presumed consent system, where it would be assumed individuals wanted to donate unless they had previously specifically recorded that they were against it. These findings show an overall favourable opinion towards donation among Irish university students however since the majority do not carry cards, and the majority do not want to a presumed consent system, this may result in few actual donations. The full results of this survey appear in the October 2009 issue of the Irish Medical Journal.

The Sláinte Society annual organ donation awareness week aims to promote the carrying of organ donor cards and raise awareness of issues related to organ donation among the students in the university. The annual promotions mobilise volunteer students from all faculties across the university co-ordinated by members of the society itself. Many of the volunteers have first-hand experience of organ donation, through friends or family members who have received or are waiting for donations. The meeting of people who were passionate about the same issue each year is hugely beneficial to the volunteers and we share our joint passion with everyone we meet during these events.

With the help of the people who graciously volunteer their time and the people who patiently filled out the survey, it is hoped that students will be more likely to pick up a donor card and talk openly about donation.

## Feature: QUIZ & RAFFLE IN AID OF WORLD'S LONGEST SCUBA DIVE

*NUI Galway & GMIT's Sub-Aqua Club host a night of entertainment in aid of a noble cause*

Sub-Aqua Club will host a quiz taking place on Tuesday the 13th in the College Bar at 7:00pm. First prize is €200. All of the proceeds go towards the World's Longest Scuba Dive's chosen charities- **CD's Helping Hands and Children's Cancer Charity**. It will cost €20 for a table of four to enter the quiz.

The Raffle will take place in the College Bar on Tuesday the 13th during the quiz. First prize is a kayak. Other prizes include a €20 voucher for The Great Outdoors, a watch, two tickets to the Galway Aquarium, a bottle of whiskey, a bottle of wine and more. Tickets cost €2 each or three for €5. Tickets can be purchased at the Socs box or in the College bar on the night of the 13th.

The Guinness World Record™ for the world's 'Longest open saltwater SCUBA dive' will take place in Scubadive West on the 10th and 11th of October. 'Officially' Guinness says that this record category is currently awaiting a successful claim and stated that no claim of less than 24 hours will be accepted as the inaugural record..... without surfacing...and without the option of wee breaks! The divers are aiming to spend 40 hours underwater in order to attain this record. The website for the dive is [www.worldslongestscubadive.com](http://www.worldslongestscubadive.com). Donations can be made through the website.

# What's Happening: WEDNESDAY

## News & Reviews:

### LISBON GOOD FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

*Human Rights Soc believe the treaty will benefit the Human Rights Movement.*

The Lisbon Treaty strengthens and enhances the protection of the human rights of the people of Ireland. One of the central functions of the Lisbon Treaty is to make the European Union Charter of Fundamental Rights legally binding. The European Charter brings political, civil, economic, social and cultural rights together into a single and concise document. It may be the most advanced human rights declaration ever drafted.

Far from threatening our fundamental rights, as critics of the Lisbon Treaty have suggested, the Charter builds upon the European Convention on Human Rights, which dates back to 1950. Whereas the European Convention is mainly limited to the more classic civil and political rights, like freedom of expression and the prohibition of slavery and torture, the Charter covers other areas, such as the right to good administration, the rights of the disabled, the social rights of workers, the right to a clean environment, the protection of personal data and bioethical rights.

But even in the area of civil and political rights, it is a very progressive document. Compare the European Convention on Human Rights, which actually authorises the use of capital punishment (remember, it was drafted 60 years ago), with the new EU Charter, which not only prohibits capital punishment but even forbids the extradition or transfer of persons to other countries where this might take place.

All Bills of Rights use broad language, and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights is no exception. It is in their nature. This is a valuable feature, because it enables them to be interpreted in an increasingly expansive manner over time, as attitudes and values evolve. Strangely, the broad language has been used by critics of the Lisbon treaty to concoct scenarios and interpretations that have more to do with fantasy than reality.

The Lisbon Treaty makes clear that the provisions of the Charter shall not extend in any way the powers of the EU as defined in the relevant treaties. The fact that certain Charter rights concern areas in which the EU has little or no competence (for example, the death penalty or the right to strike) to act is no contradiction. Although the powers of the EU are limited, it must avoid even indirect interference with all fundamental rights.

Fundamental rights guaranteed by national constitutions are merely complemented, not superseded by the Charter. The Charter will certainly apply to EU institutions. But it only applies to the Member States when they implement EU law. This is not reflective of some sinister centralist agenda but rather a salutary commitment from Brussels to respect fundamental rights in all aspects of its activities. How can this possibly be harmful? It strengthens our protections and fundamental guarantees.

It is also seriously misguided to argue that the EU Charter might weaken fundamental rights because its protections are allegedly inferior to those of the European Convention on Human Rights or our own national constitution. As amended by the Lisbon Treaty, the new Article 6 specifically provides that fundamental rights, as guaranteed by the European Convention and as they result from the constitutional traditions common to the Member States, will continue to constitute general principles of EU law.

The 'Solidarity Section' of the EU Charter contains articles relating to workers' rights to information and consultation, health care or access to services of general economic interest. There is nothing really new here; such rights are already guaranteed by EU law. However, the fact that such economic and social rights are now described as 'fundamental rights' ought to be welcome. EU courts will have to take them into account when interpreting EU legislation, and they will undoubtedly percolate down to the Irish courts too, if history is any guide.

The preposterous view that the EU Charter could be used to challenge Ireland's anti-abortion legislation has circulated in the debate. Yet in countries such as France, the same argument has been put, but in reverse. It is contended that by proclaiming that 'everyone has the right to life' the EU Charter will prohibit abortion. Neither view deserves to be taken seriously. The text in the Charter merely reflects similar words in the European Convention on Human Rights, which has been applied in Ireland for the past sixty years. The EU Charter will change nothing with respect to Ireland's abortion laws.

The EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, which is part of the Lisbon Treaty package, is a progressive addition to existing legal protections. We may not all feel confident that we understand many of the complex legal provisions that appear in the Lisbon Treaty. But every citizen can grasp the meaning and scope of the EU Charter. The language is straightforward, innovative, and even poetic at times. Any plain reading makes clear how desirable it is that the text be adopted. No hidden agenda, ambiguity or subterfuge lurks behind the words. It is a good reason to vote yes in the referendum.

Laurent Pech, Jean Monnet Lecturer in EU Public Law  
William Schabas OC MRIA, Professor of Human Rights Law  
National University of Ireland, Galway

#### Orchestra Soc

*Excerpts from Beethoven's works for Clarinet and Bassoon*

Time: 15:00 - 17:00

Venue: Art Room, Áras na Mac Léinn

Excerpts from Beethoven's works for Clarinet and Bassoon, presented by Orchestra Society

#### Comedy Soc

*Tedathon!*

Time: 14:00 - 16:00

Venue: Acoustic Room 1, Aras Na MacLeinn

This will be an ecumenical matter.

Comedy Soc will be presenting the best of Father Ted in association with Mental Health Week! Snacks will be provided, as well as the opportunity to win tickets to witness the return of Father Jack in the Galway Comedy Festival the following week.

#### Art Soc

*Mental Health Week art session*

Time: 15:00 - 17:00

Venue: Art Room, Áras na Mac Léinn

Join ArtSoc for some therapeutic art and creativity as part of Mental Health Week



**WE'VE GOT THE MOVES, WE'VE GOT THE MUSIC, WE'VE GOT IT ALL!:**  
Juggling Soc and DJ Soc mix it up at their weekly session

#### Organic Gardening Society

*weekly Meeting*

Time: 18:00 - 22:00

Venue: AC202

Weekly Meeting Games, Chat and pub.

#### Musical Society (GUMS)

*EGM*

Time: 18:00 - 19:00

Venue: The Space

An EGM to elect a new OCM. If anyone is interested, come along!

#### Dansoc

*Dance Classes*

Time: 18:00 - 20:00

Venue: The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn

Beginners hip hop 6-7

7-8 ballet

#### DJ Soc

*DJ Classes*

Time: 18:00 - 19:30

Venue: Large Accoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn

DJ classes with the society. All welcome

#### Classics Soc

*EGM*

Time: 18:30 - 19:30

Venue: Meeting Room 2, Aras na Mac Léinn (Upstairs)

Join us for our first get-together meet everyone, make plans for the coming year and elect a committee. All welcome.

#### Celtic World Society

*The Introduction to the Celtic World - an Interactive Lecture*

Time: 19:00 - 20:30

Venue: AC201

Ever wondered what this whole 'Celtic' thing is about?

Well, we are about to tell you :)

Our Guest Speakers are among the very best - We will have Professor Waddell, from the Archaeology Department, talking about the Ancient Sites in Ireland, Professor Ó Cróinín, from the History Department, telling us about the amusing and amazing achievements of the Irish, Dr. Isaac, from Roinn na Gaeilge, explaining where and how the term 'Celtic' was created in its modern meaning and Dr. Ingridsdotter, from Roinn na Gaeilge as well, busting the annoying and pertaining myths around the subject. Things will be kept short, sharp and lively. And, of course, they will be followed by a reception. And possibly a visiting the College Bar afterwards :) Everyone welcomed!

#### FilmSoc

*Harold and Maude*

Time: 19:00 - 22:00

Venue: O'Flaherty Theatre

"The greatest love story of our time" - Mary

#### Polish Society

*Polish Soc AGM*

Time: 19:30 - 20:30

Venue: The Hub, Aras Na MacLeinn

Be a part of it! Polish Soc will be holding its AGM so come in if you wish to share your brilliant ideas or just find out what's happening with your favourite Soc. We will then go some place nice (College Bar/?) for a bit less official part. Hope to see you all there!

#### Musical Society (GUMS)

*Singing Rehearsals*

Time: 19:30 - 21:30

Venue: The Space

Rehearsals for singers in the Musical

#### Chess Soc

*Chess Soc Weekly Meeting*

Time: 20:00 - 23:59

Venue: Smokey's

Come play with us ;)

Even if you're a complete beginner, or a little bit rusty, just spend an evening or two with us and we'll have you mating your opponent in no time.

#### Law Soc

*An Audience with Frank Murphy, Ballymun*

*Community Law Centre.*

Time: 20:00 - 21:00

Venue: Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn

Frank Murphy of the Ballymun Community Law Centre will address members of the Law Society. The Ballymun Community Law Centre was set up in 2002 to provide free legal advice, information and access to justice for the people of the Ballymun community. Frank will speak about the work that he is involved in on a daily basis and about the services the centre provides to the people of Ballymun.

#### Skeptic Soc

*EGM*

Time: 20:00 - 21:00

Venue: Meeting Room 2, Áras na Mac Léinn

EGM of the Sceptics society, to elect a full committee and discuss plans for the year. All welcome!

## News & Reviews: HUMAN PACMAN!

In true NSS fashion, the members of the nothing specific society took to the green green pastures of the presidents lawn on a surprisingly dry and mediumly temperatured Thursday afternoon. The goal was simple; to create a human version of the classic arcade game Pac-man.

*"Computer games don't affect kids, I mean if Pac man affected us as kids, we'd all be running around in darkened rooms, munching pills and listening to repetitive music."* -Gareth Owen

If you build it... they will come. If you build a maze of bamboo and fill it with ghosts and retro sound effects.... they will play human pac-man. Members were treated to a game of skill, athleticism and silliness as nearly 30 different pac men and women tried to top our leaderboard and win one of our many fabulous prizes!

In the end it was down to sheer will and determination as shocked onlookers and well-wishers witnessed diving shoulder blocks, gravity defying spin move type maneuvers and maze busting tackles set to a familiar wakawakawaka background noise. In true NSS fashion a special commemorative NSS duck was given to the individual with the most dramatic death. This jarring moment came when after dozens of cries of FATHER!, swoons and faints were topped by a plucky man who managed to cough up an uneaten biscuit before being bested by no less than 4 colour coded ghouls.

So all in all a big thanks to the many people who showed up and helped the NSS continue it's mission of non-specificness for another academic year!

Photos of the event can be found on our whimsical facebook page

# What's Happening: THURSDAY

## Societies' Singalong

Time: 13:00 - 13:30

Venue: Outside the Library

Let loose your voice with Societies for Mental Health Week!

## Organic Gardening Society

*Organic Garden Weekly Session*

Time: 12:00 - 13:00

Venue: 12 Distillery Road (up from AIB, rear entrance of college)

Weekly Work Session in Organic Garden Everyone Welcome!

## Nothing Specific

*Bonkers Conkers & Marble Madness*

Time: 14:00 - 18:00

Venue: Árás Na MacLeinn

Join the N.S.S. in supporting Mental Health week in not one, not three, or not even four, but TWO (and count to them we did, and the Lord blessed these events...) events being run at the same time! In aid of the A.W.A.R.E. charity, we will be revisiting our childhoods and playing some games of Bonkers Conkers and Marble Madness. Or maybe some of you could help us come up with rules for an improvised game of Marble Bonkers Conkers Madness.... Sadly, this will be the first ever charged N.S.S. event, but in continuing our tradition, we receive NOTHING! In keeping with our cheap as chips tradition however, donations will be a minimum of 50cent. So don't buy yourself those 2 Freddo bars and come join us for an afternoon of schoolday revivalism!

## Palestine Solidarity Soc

*Video - Conference with University in Gaza*

Time: 16:00 - 18:00

Venue: Large Acoustic Room, Aras na Mac Leinn

The Palestine Solidarity Society will be hosting a live video-conference with a University in Gaza. Artists on both sides will be sharing songs and poems and a general discussion on human rights will also take place. Anyone is invited to come along and connect with the Gazan students, and a twinning of University departments will also be put in place.

## Juggling Soc

*Free for All Practice Session*

Time: 18:00 - 22:00

Venue: Árás na Mac Léinn

Free for All Juggling Practice Session! Come along and use our equipment to learn whatever you want! Just ask anyone present and they'll be delighted to teach you!

## DJ Soc

*Open decks with Juggling Soc*

Time: 18:00 - 19:00

Venue: The "cube", Aras na Mac Leinn

Informal practice on decks. Bring your favourite CDs!

## Socialist Worker Student Soc

*Meeting*

Time: 18:00 - 20:00

Venue: The View, Árás na Mac Léinn

Meeting of the Socialist Workers' Student Society. All welcome.

## Chess Soc

*Beginners' Sessions.*

Time: 18:45 - 19:45

Venue: Upstairs in the Bridge Club, St. Mary's Road.

Mainly for kids and the adult beginners from the classes, but you're all welcome to drop down for a game if you wish. Except Nick. You remember what the judge said.

## Lit & Deb

*Islam Panel Discussion - "Changing Times - Islam in the 21st Century"*

Time: 19:00 - 21:30

Venue: Kirwan Theatre

Speakers: Tariq Ramadan, Rajnaara Akhtar, Dr. Kathleen Cavanaugh, Representatives from the Islamic Cultural Centre of Ireland and MPACIE

Moderator: Denis Halliday, former Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations

Faith and culture are often sensitive subjects which can cause tension and even violence. This is particularly the case where cultures are diametrically opposed on certain issues, as with Islam and the secular culture of the Western World. Nowhere is this tension clearer than in Europe, the modern home of multiculturalism. In recent years, we have seen attacks on embassies over cartoons of the prophet Mohammed and riots in France over the ban on wearing the hijab to name but a few flashpoints. The approach to this diversity has been different in different countries, ranging from a single rule of law for all citizens of a state to a virtual Muslim sub-culture within states. Yet progress in embracing this diversity continues to be made with senior British religious figures even considering supporting calls for courts of Sharia law. Contrary to the West's continued struggle with the integration of Muslims in our states, the rules in Islamic countries are as strict as ever. No leniency is offered to foreigners, who face dire consequences should they breach these rules.

It appears there is a double standard and we must ask, who has the right approach? Are we in the West too accommodating or are those in the East too strict? How do we find the balance? More worrisome still,

is the fact that many in the West still view Islam as barbaric and feel that it has no part in Western society or for that matter any society. Is this a legitimate standpoint to hold? If so, is it any more or less legitimate than the Eastern view of the West as a hotbed of sin on the road to self destruction? It seems that if these two cultures cannot find a way to co-exist then the conflict will escalate, until one culture proves itself to be "more right".

The Literary & Debating Society brings together a panel of experts on the subject of Islam in the modern world to discuss how these tensions can be resolved. Speaking will be Mr. Tariq Ramadan, a Swiss Muslim scholar who has been referred to as the Muslim Martin Luther and is regarded as one of the world's top intellectuals; Rajnaara Akhtar, a stalwart campaigner against the ban on the hijab and Dr. Kathleen Cavanaugh, chairperson of the Amnesty International Ireland Executive Committee. Representatives from the Islamic Cultural Centre of Ireland and MPACIE, an Irish Muslim lobby group, will also be speaking. The moderator for the event is Denis Halliday, former Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations and the UN Humanitarian Coordinator in Iraq from September 1st 1997 until 1998.

## FilmSoc

*Looking for Eric*

Time: 19:00 - 22:00

Venue: O'Flaherty Theatre

Eric a football fanatic postman whose life is descending in to crisis receives some life coaching from the famously philosophical Eric Cantona.

## Microsoc

*MicroSoc Night Out*

Time: 19:00 - 23:59

Venue: College Bar

Night out to celebrate the handing up of essays or just for the hell of it....

All Members Welcome

## Business Society

*NUI Galway's Biggest Mystery Tour Ever!!!!*

Time: 19:00 - 23:59

Venue: it's a mystery!!!!

BizSoc, in conjunction with other leading Societies on campus, are delighted to announce that the annual mystery tour will take place this Thursday, 15th October. It's guaranteed to be an amazing night and who know's where we will end up!!! Tickets on sale Monday afternoon at the Socs Box and from many other sources too. More details to follow.

Any questions, ask the BizSoc man at bizsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie

## MusicSoc

*Jamming Session*

Time: 19:00 - 22:00

Venue: Árás na Mac Léinn

Weekly Jamming Session, hosted by Music Society

## Art Soc

*Comic Class*

Time: 19:00 - 21:00

Venue: Art Room, Árás na Mac Léinn

Comic strip drawing class, anyone that want to learn how to draw Marvel, Dc or dark horse style drawing we will teach you,

The classes will help you with creative ideas and range to any and all forms of comic drawing (Manga, comedy, Cyanide and happiness style drawing)

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## Italian Soc

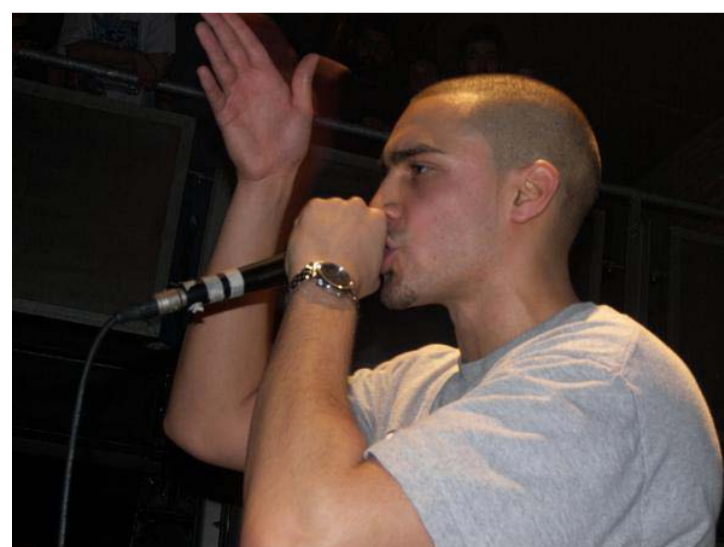
*Italian Night Out*

Time: 21:00 - 23:59

Venue: Massimos

Study Italian? Erasmus student? Love Italy? Just want a good night out?...

Well then, meet up with the Italian Society in Massimos on Thursday night. Daiiii...you know you want to!!



**LOWKEY:** On stage in Sheperd's Bush Empire for the Immortal Technique Show

# Feature: HIGH-PROFILE, LOWKEY

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## LOWKEY Reproduced from Wikipedia

Lowkey is a British musician, poet, playwright and political activist of English and Iraqi descent. He first came to fame through a series of mixtapes he released before he was 18, but only returned to the music scene in 2008. He has since been featured on BBC Radio and has performed at various festivals and concerts in the UK and Ireland.

Dennis was born in London to an Iraqi mother and an English father. From the age of twelve he began to rap, initially imitating American rappers but soon using his own accent. He began attending the open mic sessions which took place at the Deal Real record shop on Carnaby Street, Central London. The first time he went he introduced himself as Lowkey and was told there was already a regular there by that name; the two had a battle rap over the use of the name which Dennis won.

The first part of his mixtape series Key To The Game, was released independently in 2003. Within a year and a half he had released a second and third volume, all of which gained critical acclaim from UK hip hop circles. Though the first volume largely used music from other artists, the second was mostly original work in conjunction with numerous artists and producers while the third, which had no skits or short songs like a traditional mixtape would, was mostly his own work. Despite releasing the third mixtape in 2005, it would be another three years until he released his album proper preferring instead to explore other aspects of his career until then.

While Lowkey was busying himself with European tours in support of Immortal Technique, Canibus, and Dead Prez, he began to make musical contacts and set about recording his debut album proper. Though stalled by other artistic endeavours, Dear Listener eventually was released in January of 2009.

In July 2008 the Theatre Royal, Bath put on a production of 'Max and Beth', a contemporary adaptation of Macbeth by William Shakespeare written entirely in rhyme. Lowkey also helped publicise the NSPCC's Don't Hide It campaign, also contributing a free song to it, in which his lyrics are delivered from the perspective of a female victim of sexual abuse. He also formed a non-profit organisation, People's Army with fellow rapper Logic, who he has also made an unreleased album with (New World Order), and met up with then-Liberal Democrats leader Menzies Campbell as a representative of his local community. In February 2009, he travelled to Palestine and Palestinian refugee camps around the West Bank area to perform fundraising shows to help rebuild the Gaza Strip but was detained by the Israel Police for nine hours at Ben Gurion International Airport and interrogated.

## FREE GAZA MOVEMENT: OUR MISSION

*Reproduced from www.freegaza.org*

Since August 2008, the Free Gaza Movement has sailed from Cyprus to the Gaza Strip on several successful voyages, bringing in international witnesses to see first hand the devastating effects of Israeli violence against the Palestinian people. Ours are the first international boats to journey to Gaza since 1967.

We are Italian, Irish, Canadian, Greek, Tunisian, German, Australian, American, English, Scottish, Danish, Israeli, and Palestinian. We are of all ages and backgrounds. We have years of experience volunteering in Gaza and the West Bank at the invitation of Palestinians. But now, because of the increasing stranglehold of Israel's illegal occupation of Palestine, many of us find it almost impossible to enter Gaza, and an increasing number have been refused entry to Israel and the West Bank as well.

We want to break the siege of Gaza. We want to raise international awareness about the prison-like closure of the Gaza Strip and pressure the international community to review its sanctions policy and end its support for continued Israeli occupation. We want to uphold Palestine's right to welcome internationals as visitors, human rights observers, humanitarian aid workers, journalists, or otherwise. We have not and will not ask for Israel's permission. It is our intent to overcome this brutal siege through civil resistance and non-violent direct action, and establish a permanent sea lane between Gaza and the rest of the world.

# What's Happening: FRIDAY & THE WEEKEND

## Christian Union Soc

*Surf Weekend to Lahinch*

Time: Friday to Sunday

Venue: Lahinch Surf School Lahinch, Ireland

Come and learn how to swim from the 2002 Former Irish Champion and Pro Surfer John McCathy in Lahinch for the weekend. Tickets on sale in Soc Box for a great price of only 45 euro! This includes transportation both ways, accommodation, and two surf lessons. Sign up soon for a great weekend as spots are limited.

## Maths Soc

*Much Ado about Nothing*

Time: 18:00 - 19:30

Venue: C219

Neil Humphreys gives an account of the development of number systems, in particular the invention of the number zero. There will be no mathematical modelling or related concepts. Refreshments afterwards.

## News & Reviews: BACON, BEGIN!

If you blinked, you probably missed it. The new BACON Soc (BA Connect Society) caused a quick hit stir with their inaugural event; a handful of face-painted robots doing the robot, to robot rock. Appearing virtually out of nowhere, the co-founders of the society aided by their fellow members decided to start out the way they meant to continue, and made some noise. Not to mention a spectacle of themselves.

*"You may have missed the ridiculous two minutes, but all you have to do is keep an eye out, and an ear to the ground... This is only the beginning..."*

Sitting innocuously enough on the benches behind the strands of smoke in the Bialann courtyard, they promptly jumped to their feet when they heard their cue: Daft Punk's 'Robot Rock' blaring from a commandeered boom-box. Leg-jiggling, hip-wiggling, and arm-jerking ensued, entertaining a substantial, if bewildered, audience both above and below. When the music stopped and the applause died down, the BAConeers proceeded to give a welcome explanation for their eejitry: they're here to make and see things happen, and to see what YOU want happening.

You may have missed the ridiculous two minutes, but all you have to do is keep an eye out, and an ear to the ground. Even though they were gone nearly as fast as they came, the talk remains, so ask around for the story and you won't be asking long. Don't worry if you missed it. The whole of BACON promises, there will be more. This is only the beginning...

## Feature: MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

A collaboration between NUIG Student Services Health Promotion Service and Mental Health Ireland

**"There is no health without mental health"**

A week of events to designed make you feel good. Something for everyone!

Some of the events on include entertainment, music and art therapy classes from a host of societies; the dedication of An Gairdín Sosa by Cardinal Sean Brady (next to the chapel); a relaxing walk along the Corrib; and classes on avoiding and reducing stress in the workplace or on campus.

View the complete schedule here!

### WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY 2009

**Mental Health in Primary Care: Enhancing Treatment and Promoting Mental Health**

(reproduced from the World Federation for Mental Health's guide to World Mental Health Day 2009)

This global awareness campaign addresses the continuing need to "make mental health issues a global priority." Mental illnesses do not discriminate according to culture or age, and an individual's mental health is an integral aspect of overall health and wellbeing. There is a growing body of knowledge on the benefits of integrating mental health into primary care settings. This integration would align the diagnosis, treatment, and care of mental illnesses with the mainstream healthcare system, alleviating the problems associated with the current separation of physical health and mental health care.

The theme of this year's campaign is intended to draw worldwide attention to the growing body of knowledge on integration which emphasizes the benefits of enhancing overall health and promoting mental health by integrating healthcare services. World Mental Health Day 2009 aims to provide consumers, families, and advocacy associations around the world with accessible information on this topic. Involving consumers at a grassroots level in the process of healthcare integration will strengthen the message that mental health is integral to good overall health and it is imperative that appropriate services are provided for everyone who needs them, regardless of where they receive those services. During this time of healthcare reform it is critical that advocates are well informed on these important integration issues. We can be influential in ensuring that people living with mental illnesses receive the same level of priority within the general and primary health care system.

The release in September 2008, of "Integrating Mental Health into Primary Care: A Global Perspective" by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Organization of Family Doctors (Wonca) signaled a major step in fostering a global effort to integrate mental health into primary care. In the publication's introductory message, WHO Director General Dr. Margaret Chan and Wonca President Professor Chris van Weel state the case for such an effort:

*"Primary care starts with people. And, integrating mental health services into primary care is the most viable way of ensuring that people have access to the mental health care they need. People can access mental health services closer to their homes, thus keeping families together and maintaining their daily activities. In addition, they avoid indirect costs associated with seeking specialist care in distant locations. Mental health care delivered in primary care minimize stigma and discrimination, and remove the risk of human rights violations that occur in psychiatric hospitals. And, as this report will show, integrating mental health services into primary care generates good health outcomes at reasonable costs. Nonetheless, general primary care systems must be strengthened before mental health integration can be reasonably expected to flourish."* (Integrating mental health into primary care: A global perspective; © World Health Organization and World Organization of Family Doctors (Wonca), 2008, page vii)

World Mental Health Day 2009, will highlight the opportunities and challenges that integrating mental health services into the primary health care delivery system will present not only to people living with poor mental health, their families and caregivers, but also to healthcare professionals and providers. As always, the campaign will focus on the critical role that mental health advocacy organizations, along with patient/ service user groups, need to play in shaping this major general health and mental health reform movement. Such informed proactive and sustained advocacy will be necessary if the movement toward integration is to result in improved access to affordable services that are of adequate quality for people experiencing mental illnesses and emotional health problems the world over.

The global mental health community has learned from previous reform attempts that achieving parity in the delivery of mental health services around the world is a struggle. The effective integration of mental health into primary care at a level of priority appropriate to the documented burden of disease for mental illnesses will be a major undertaking in a time of global economic and social difficulty. However, it is well past time for the world to listen to and act on this call to improve mental health services.

Thomas H. Bornemann, Ed.D. Director, the Carter Center Mental Health Program

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