



Coláiste Iognáid S.J. September and October Newsletter 2018

Karate Success



Left to Right: Patrick Mannion and Odhran Daly

Jes students Odhran Daly (T.Y.) and Patrick Mannion (3L) who are members of Galway Dojo were part of a 14 strong national squad that represented Ireland in Wales in early September in the Severn Challenge. Odhran secured 1st place with 6 wins out of 6 fights while Patrick secured 3rd place including his first international Karate Knock down. Congratulations to both

students.

Sustainability- NUIG & Coláiste Iognáid S.J, working together towards a cleaner healthier, Environment.



Coláiste Iognáid students attended and presented at NUIG's *Sustainability Journey* lecture series on Wednesday 26th September. Biology students were chosen to present work and invited to be part of a select audience, including among whom were Jes past pupil and NUIG President, Ciaran O'hOgartaigh. Students were treated to 15 mini 'Ted Talks' by top academics on conservation, climate

change, plastics, ocean wellbeing, marine biology, teen health, comedy science, pollination, air pollution, energy, and of course sustainability- protecting our precious environment thus allowing society and economics to flourish. Thank you to NUI's Michelle O Dowd Lohan and Dr Jamie Goggins for their invite and Mrs Clodagh Mitchell for organising the event.

Clowns without Borders visit the College



Deirdre Herbert with some 6th year participants at a talk given by Clowns without Borders' Helen Gregg and Debbie Wright.

Late in 1992 the Spanish clown, Tortell Poltrona, was asked by 12 year old schoolchildren in Barcelona to visit refugee children in Croatia that had been in touch with them through a volunteer programme (Balkan Wars 1991-1995). The refugee children told them what they missed most was laughter and having fun. The Spanish children raised the funds for the first trip in Feb 1993 and travelled by car with the troupe of clowns. Thus was born *Clowns without Borders* (CWB). Within the first year the Spanish clowns made 12 expeditions to the Balkans - Bosnia, Herzegovina and Sarajevo. In the following years Poltrona's invitation to other international artists to participate has led to the founding of chapters in Belgium, Canada, Germany, Ireland, South Africa, Sweden, USA, Finland and Australia. CWB Ireland was founded in 2004 by the Galway based clown, Jonathan Gunning. With branches in Galway, Cork, Belfast and Dublin the Irish volunteers have brought laughter to refugee and street children in India, South Africa, Lesotho, Uganda, Rwanda, Somalia, Palestine, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Greece, Calais and to the direct provision and reception centres around Ireland. All of the performers are volunteers whose work is funded by fundraisers. Their motto is *No Child without a Smile*. In 2017/2018 they played for children in camps in Greece, Jordan, Lebanon and in reception centres around Ireland. For 2019 CWB Ireland have decided to focus most of their efforts in the direct provision and reception centres in Ireland. On Sept 27th 2018 Debbie Wright and Helen Gregg from the Galway branch visited the Jes and gave a powerful presentation to the 6th years on their visits to the camps in Lebanon, a country 1/6th the size of Ireland with a similar population where 25% of the people are refugees from the wars in the Middle East. The students have offered to do a fundraiser to assist their work here in the Irish centres and one student (so far!!) has volunteered to perform with them. May the Gods continue to smile on their wonderful efforts to leave *No Child without a Smile*. See <http://cwbireland.com/> for more information.



- Ms. Deirdre Herbert

JES ROWING CREWS 2018



Annual Rowing Club Dinner, Salthill Hotel, 24th October 2018



The Jes Rowing Club Annual Dinner was held on Wednesday 24th October in the Salthill Hotel. The event marked the end of a highly successful rowing season. Over 60 Jes students were in attendance as well as a large team of coaches, school staff members and other contributors to the club. Members past and present made the most of the opportunity to

enjoy each other's company over a meal and a great time was had by all who attended. The meal was followed by speeches from Women's Captain Caoileann Nic Dhonncha and Senior Men's crew member Thomas Hume. Following a few words of his own, Club Chairperson Evan Molloy announced Luke Flynn as the recipient of this year's Club Person of the Year award. Unfortunately Luke, outgoing Club Captain, was unable to attend the event. Luke is a very deserving recipient and the honour is a testament to the great work he has done as Club Captain. On behalf of CIRC, we would like to thank the coaches, parents, staff and all others who contribute to our club. Thanks also to the Salthill Hotel for hosting the event and providing great food and service.

Debaters visit Dáil Éireann and Department of Foreign Affairs

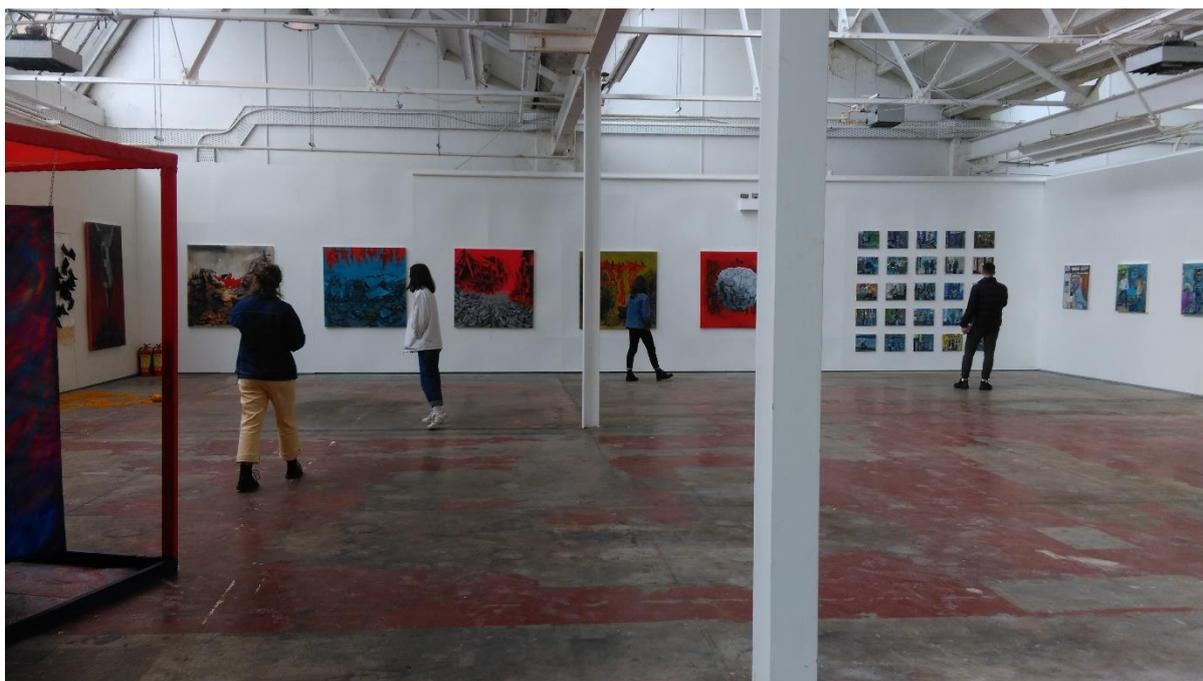


The Jes Debating Society recently visited the capital. We left early, at around eight o'clock before school started and took the school bus up to Dublin. When we arrived, we went to the National History Museum beside the Dáil. For many of us this was our first time visiting as we live in Galway. There were many interesting exhibits in the museum, for example they had a display of 'bog bodies' and Celtic gold jewellery. It was fascinating to see especially for those currently studying that period of history. We took a break for lunch which we had outdoors in the famous Stephen's Green. We then visited the Department of Foreign Affairs housed in Iveagh House, the former town house of the Guinness family. We then walked across the park to the Dáil where we met Deputy Hildegard Naughton, who gave us our invitation at the entrance and took some photos, though since the Leinster House is being renovated at the moment the

background was merely a photo backdrop they had hanging up on the scaffolding. We watched a portion of 'Leader's Questions' from the Gallery and it was interesting to see how similar it was to our debating, in the way they spoke and in that they were timed. We had a short tour and heard a bit about the history of the building. We then watched the Seanad for a while where two senators were challenging the new minister for education on the exclusion of children with Down syndrome from the July Provision. That concluded our trip and we made our way home. It was a wonderful trip and a lot of fun.

- Clara O'Gorman (3G)

Thinking about Art





Senior and junior year art students visited the group exhibition by graduating Masters Students from the Centre for Creative Arts and Media, GMIT. The exhibition held at the Connacht Tribune Printworks space featured a range of contemporary practice from sculptural installation to filmmaking and painting. On behalf of his students Mr Revill would like to thank artist Stephanie McLaughlin for the engaging tour of the exhibition.

-Mr. O. Revill

Supporting 'Clowns without Borders' – Friday 26th October 2018



Left to Right: Molly Kelly-Grealy, Maeve Hannon, and Aoife McGovern



Following on from the Clowns without Borders talk in September, Ms. Herbert and Ms. Mitchell arranged a fancy dress day to raise funds for the work of the charity. Students and staff both participated. Pictured from left to right: Ruairi O’Gorman, Conor O’Sullivan, and Ms. Riona Heneghan. Well down to all who participated. Their efforts raised €580.
