



Press Release

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1,000+ Assemble for National Youth Awards

Over 1,000 people will assemble in County Kilkenny this weekend to honour youth achievement. The 33rd No Name Club National Youth Awards will bring together 900 teenagers and 300 adult leaders to celebrate the work that teenagers are doing in communities across Ireland.

The black-tie affair at the Lyrath Hotel in Kilkenny on Saturday night, April 16th, will see the No Name Club Host and Hostess of the Year named. This teenage male and female will have been selected from 2,000 No Name Club host and hostesses* across the country and will be honoured for the work they have carried out within their club, the wider community, and for the talents they bring to society.

12 teenagers** from across the country have made it to the final of the national competition, after being chosen to represent their clubs, communities, counties and regions at the regional finals of the competition which were held in February. Over 40 clubs with 2,000 members were invited to put forward representatives to take part in the National Youth Awards.

MC for the big occasion is RTE journalist Damien Tiernan, who on the night will speak to the finalists on stage and ask them to perform a party piece in front of the 1,000+ crowd. Guests will be treated to a four-course meal and a six hour disco will allow club members from

communities across Ireland celebrate their involvement with the No Name Club and party into the early hours of the morning in a safe and supervised setting.

Con Nolan, No Name Club CEO comments: *“This is a unique occasion and a massive event. The National Youth Awards recognise the excellent work that over 1,000 teenagers are carrying out within their clubs and their wider communities. Our hosts and hostesses are supported by adult leaders in running the clubs for themselves and their peers and in doing so, they deliver much-needed and valuable fun activities and events for young people in Irish communities and take a lead role in working for the betterment of their wider community. We work with teenagers to develop their confidence and leadership skills and the work of our hosts and hostesses highlights the fantastic contributions young people can make to society when they are supported. These awards allow us to celebrate positive contributions teenagers are making in communities across Ireland.”*

*Hosts and hostesses are teenage male and female members of No Name Clubs and develop their leadership and confidence skills thru their involvement with the national youth organisation. They work with adult committee members to run activities and events that bring benefits to the wider community.

**The 12 finalists from the six regions are as follows (their clubs are in brackets):

Region 1:	Ross McCarrick (Tubbercurry, Sligo)	Andrea Keeney (Donegal Town)
Region 2:	Malachy Gaughan (Erris, Mayo)	Catherine O’Connor (Ballinrobe)
Region 3:	Niall Perrill (Gort, Galway)	Shauna Naughton (Mountbellew, Galway)
Region 4:	Darragh Coleman (Dungarvan, Waterford)	Jemma Murhill (Killarney, Kerry)
Region 5:	Marty Waters (Ring of Hook, Wexford)	Bronagh Murphy (Baltinglass, Wicklow)
Region 6:	Lee Frayne (Finglas, Dublin)	Gemma Davis (Finglas, Dublin)

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Note for the Editor

No Name Club is a National Voluntary Youth Organisation founded in 1978 and has 45 clubs throughout the country. No Name Clubs are run by and for young people aged 15 years + who come together in safe and lively environments where there's fun, friendship and enjoyment without the pressure of alcohol or other drugs. No Name Clubs were founded to provide an alternative to pub culture for young people in Ireland. They demonstrate a lifestyle in which the use of alcohol or drugs is seen as unnecessary to the enjoyment of a happy, cheerful and fulfilling social life for young people. Over the last 30 years, thousands of young people have valued their involvement in a programme of activities that allow them to enjoy themselves socially with their peers in a safe and friendly environment, free from the dangers and influences of alcohol and drugs. At present there are over 15,000 young people involved with No Name Clubs throughout the country.