



Press Release

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Hundreds of teenagers gather for National Youth Awards

Hundreds of teenagers from all over Ireland are meeting today, Saturday February 5th, as the 28th No Name Club National Youth Awards get underway.

Six regional finals* are taking place in locations throughout the country and will bring teenagers aged 15+ together for awards that recognise youth achievement within Irish communities. Over 40 No Name Clubs have been invited to put forward a teenage host and hostess to represent them in the competition.

“The No Name Club National Youth Awards regional finals see our clubs put forward outstanding teenage representatives from communities across Ireland,” Con Nolan, No Name Club CEO explains. “Young people who are contributing immensely to their club and communities will participate in the competition and be recognised for the outstanding work they do. The long-standing competition is there to recognise the positive influence young people have on Irish society and communities.”

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 No Name Club National Youth Awards have been running since 1984 and at the annual final on April 16 in Kilkenny, 1,000 young people from over 40 No Name Clubs around the country will come together to celebrate youth achievement and the crowning of the Host and Hostess of the Year.

*The six regions are as follows: Region 1: Donegal, Sligo, North West Mayo; Region 2: South & East Mayo; Region 3: Galway, Roscommon, Clare; Region 4: Cork, Kerry, Waterford; Region 5: Carlow, Kilkenny, Wicklow, Wexford; Region 6: Dublin, Meath, Kildare.

At the regional finals, a panel of judges will interview the representatives on a one-to-one basis. The host/hostess will then conduct an on-stage interview with the event MC and perform a party piece. A winning host and hostess will go forward from each region to represent it at the semi-finals of the competition. Each regional final is a celebratory event and sees teenagers from clubs across the country travel to support their fellow members.

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Note for the Editor

No Name Club is a National Voluntary Youth Organisation founded in 1978 and has 40+ clubs throughout the country. No Name Clubs are run by and for young people aged 15 years + who come together in a safe and lively environment 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.