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Welcome to the Spring edition of the Club bulletin with all the latest news and events —and what a packed few months it's been! With the regional Karaoke & Talent finals, the National Youth Awards, the launch of the road safety campaign, and now we're fast heading towards the Super Talent and the National Convention...phew! We hope that you have time to breathe in between everything that's going on and get to enjoy some of the beautiful sunshine that's been blessing our shores.

The No Name Club has certainly been attracting a lot of attention recently, for all the right reasons, and for that we want to thank you for making the organisation what it is today. We know that it is through your hard work and the dedication of your committee's and your young people that the No Name Club has achieved such a positive reputation around the nation. So a big thank you goes out from all of us! *Martin Ryan*

### Host & Hostess 2010



Of course the biggest news of the moment is the crowning of the new Host and Hostess of the year—Holly McAndrew from Erris NNC, and Joe Shine from Dungarvan NNC. Congratulations to you both, and also to your clubs as we know there's a lot of work that goes into supporting you as well.

Holly and Joe carried themselves with confidence and grace on the night of the finals, with Holly performing a haunting unaccompanied version of Dido's single "Rent" and Joe carrying off a one man sketch from D'unbelievables.

Of course as one couple celebrate their new national roles, another say farewell—although we hope not for good! Yes, after a year of hard work and great fun we must bid goodbye to Dale O'Sullivan & Kevin Lyons. They have done a fantastic job this year, and indeed did us all proud on the night of the finals as they introduced all the clubs and kicked off the celebrations. So, thank you guys for all that you've done, you've set the bar high for Joe & Holly to follow!

### RSA & NNC Join forces to promote road safety.

As you will hopefully have seen from the recent mailing, the Road Safety Authority (RSA) and No Name Club have come together to promote road safety throughout Ireland.

The request has gone out to all clubs to encourage the hosts and hostesses to design a new piece of high visibility clothing which the RSA will then judge, and the winners will win €500 for their club.

Please encourage your young people to get involved. The singers, dancers and actors have had their moments of glory, now let the artists in your group shine their talents!

The design may be presented in any format, using any technique, fabric or materials. A text of no more than 250 words detailing the concept of the design should accompany the entry. *All entries must be returned to the national office Or e-mailed to: [info@nonameclub.ie](mailto:info@nonameclub.ie) Closing date for receipt of designs: May 14<sup>th</sup> 2010.* Winning design to be announced: Sat May 29<sup>th</sup> 2010 at the No Name Club Annual Convention. (Presentation of prizes to the winners will take place during Road Safety Week in October at the Leading Light Awards).



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**National Youth Awards 2010...in a nutshell!**

The National Youth Awards 2010 were indeed a stunning success in every way. Over 930 people arrived to celebrate the night in style at the Lyrath Hotel in Kilkenny, and partied until the early hours of the morning. The day began at the Hub with coaches arriving from all across Ireland, bringing excited young people together for a night of glamour and sophistication(...until the pyjamas came out later on!). The groups all changed into their ball gowns and tuxedo's and each had their photo's taken to capture the moment. From there they moved down to the luxury and beauty of the Lyrath Estate.

The evening's ceremonies were kicked off in style by No Name Club's very own chairman John Donovan, and then handed over to the host and hostess for 2009 Kevin Lyons & Dale O'Sullivan who introduced each club in turn. The proceedings were then taken over by the effervescent talents of Fergal Darcy – DJ at i102104. Fergal introduced each of the 8 finalists and guided each of them through their on stage interview and "party piece" – not that any of them needed much encouragement! The wealth of talent was astounding, ranging from an unaccompanied solo, an unplugged version of The Cave by Mumford and Sons, and even a one man sketch from the D'unbelievables.

Once each of the finalists had performed, we were all then treated to a lovely 3 course meal to boost our energy levels ready to dance the night away. Before we could get our feet on the dance floor however, the main event of the night was announced – the winners of this year's Host and Hostess of the year.

We would like to take this opportunity to officially give our congratulations to Holly and Joe on their success, and we will greatly look forward to working with them in the coming year.

It has to be said that all the finalists were a real credit to their clubs and to their communities, and all showed great team spirit in supporting each other leading up to and during the final event.

Following the celebrations the DJ's took to the floor and – in Fergal's own words there was "some shifting" going on that night!! The floor shook until 3am, when the sleeping bags came out in force and a vague attempt was made at getting some sleep...or not!

The whole event was fabulous, and if you were there we'd love to hear your memories / see your photos of it so we can post it on the website for all to read. Please also remember to fill in your Youth Awards Surveys and return them as soon as possible—thanks!



## National Convention

The time has come once again for us all to gather together at the NNC National Convention. This year the convention is taking place in Cork on the 29th May. We will start registration around 10am, and run roughly until 4pm. We will shortly be writing to you with more details of the event, and invitations to put forward motions to be discussed.

One exciting development this year is a clubs showcase which will highlight the variety of activities and projects which clubs are involved in / running. This will take place in the afternoon of the convention, and so we would like to invite all clubs to actively participate. There will be space for you to create a display of your clubs activities, so please consider bringing with you pictures, newspaper cuttings—anything which tells the rest of us about the exciting things you've been up to. Some examples we have from around the country include: Drop in centres and youth cafes; Road safety campaigns; Campaigns with Irish Cancer society; Activity weekends away. The more clubs who bring things to display the more opportunity there will be to gain new ideas and inspiration.

We also hope to have other agencies taking part in the showcase too. The VEC will hopefully have a stand to discuss issues such as community / youth grants, the RSA will be there with their road safety display, and the HSE with information on positive health promotion etc.

So all in all it should be a pretty packed and exciting event well worth attending, and we look forward to seeing you all there.



## Grant News!



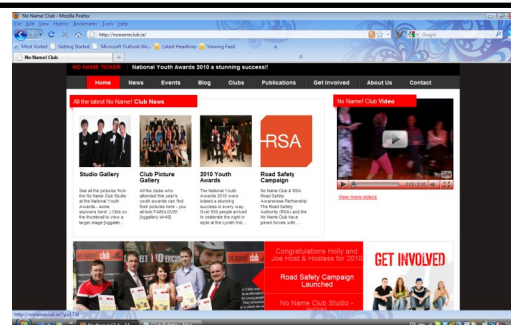
**Transport Grant:** Don't forget to put in your applications for additional help with your club's transport costs. Each club can apply to the office, submitting receipts for your recent travel needs, and you may be eligible for a grant up to €500!

**Health Promotion Grant:** Well done to all the 24 clubs who applied to the health promotion grant fund. You will be pleased to hear that the cheques will be issued in the coming week, and we hope to profile some of your projects at the convention too!

## Website:

The No Name Club Website needs your help! We want to make it a resource for your club to use, and a place which celebrates all that you do. In order for us to achieve that we need you to send in any news / pictures and videos you have whenever you have it. We will soon be holding a training event so that your club will be able to update your own page when ever you want, we will let you know more about this in the coming weeks. In the meantime please send any information to [rmurphy@nonameclub.ie](mailto:rmurphy@nonameclub.ie), or by post to the national office.

At this stage please note that the board of directors has decided that the chat function will not be activated on the website, and it will remain purely a source of information and a resource for clubs. They would also like to stress that this is the only website which the organisation validates, any other website claiming to be from the No Name Club has no connection to us—including any Facebook pages which may have been set up.



## Garda Vetting & Child Protection:

Can we please emphasise the urgent need for all clubs to ensure that EVERY adult who joins their committee to complete and send in a Garda Vetting form. At this time in our society the need to ensure the safety of our young people, and as clubs to be above reproach, could not be greater. You have a duty of care to your young people, and so we ask you all to make a thorough check of the status of your committee members and ensure that everyone has been properly vetted.

We would also urge you to ensure that ALL adult committee members have completed certified Child Protection Training in the last 3 years. Every member should be able to show evidence of their training, otherwise they must attend a training course as soon as possible. Your regional Training Officer is available to run this course in your club, so please contact them urgently with details of any outstanding committee members who need to attend a course.

The Board have also discussed and agreed that on the issue of 18 year olds being an adult volunteers, somebody can be considered being an adult member at the age of 18 but for the purposes of guardianship duties they must be 21 or over



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### **National Super Talent:**

And so we come to the next *Super* event in the Calendar—the National Super Talent Finals! The culmination of months of hard work, and bucket loads of talent come together in Castlebar Co.Mayo on the 9th May.

Events should kick off around 1pm, and we look forward to some very entertaining acts, ranging from dance groups, comedians, musical cameos, solo's as well as traditional and modern band performances.

Many clubs will be travelling up to Castlebar the night before, and so if anyone in the local area has any desire to host a disco or alternative event for clubs to join in with we'd love to hear from you and put the word out there. This could be a great opportunity for your young people to forge new friendships and inter-club connections, so get those thinking caps on Co.Mayo and let's see what the West can do!

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***So that just about wraps things up for this bulletin. As always please remember that we are here to support you in any way we can, and so if you have any questions, concerns or even new ideas for us please feel free to contact us any time. Our contact details can be found below.***

***Thank you once again for all that you do, and we look forward to catching up with you at the upcoming events in Cork and Mayo.***

***Many kind regards,  
Martin Ryan.***

**CEO.**

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