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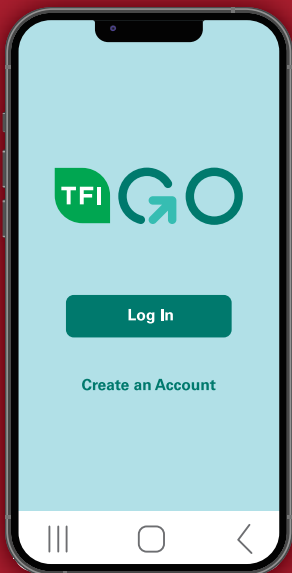
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# YOUR UNION YOUR VOICE

# The following is important information regarding the MTU Cork SU General Elections:





The **Hustings** (Candidates' Speeches) **will** take place on **Wednesday 22 March** live in the West Atrium (overflow canteen) at 1pm. They can be viewed on: [\*\*MTU Cork Students' Union | Facebook\*\*](#) or on [\*\*Youtube\*\*](#)

**Voting** will take place from **00:00 - 23:59 Thursday 23 March**. A link to the voting landing page will be emailed in advance and published on the SU [\*\*website\*\*](#) and across our social media - *voting before or after the polling times is not possible*. For voter eligibility and further information please see below.

We encourage as many of you as possible to view the hustings and familiarise yourselves with the candidates' campaign information ahead of the vote:

[\*\*MTU Cork Students' Union - Candidates 2023\*\*](#)



### WHO CAN VOTE?

Registered, undergraduate students of the Munster Technological University (Cork) who are obliged to pay the full Student Contribution Charge for the academic year.

Registered students of the Munster Technological University (Cork) who are obliged to part pay the Student Contribution Charge for the academic year.

Full time registered Post Graduate students and full time International students Current Union Sabbatical Officers.

**Voting eligibility is dependent on fees being paid** - Student Contribution Charges covered by SUSI or any other grant or scholarship are deemed to have been paid.

### HOW DO I MAKE UP MY MIND?

In order to find out more information, and to help you to decide which way you wish to vote, refer to the candidates' electioneering material (see our 'Election Candidates' page [HERE](#)). Also, check individual candidate's social media platforms and **watch the hustings which will take place live online at 1.00pm** on Wednesday 22 March in the West Atrium.





## **HOW DO I CAST MY VOTE?**

Voting for this year's Students' Union Elections will take place online.

**The polling will open at 00:00 and close at 23:59 on Thursday 23 March 2023**

**1. Click on the voting link - this will be available and activated when voting opens (the link will be emailed to mycit accounts and will also be available on our website and Social Media.)**

**2. Use your ID number and requested identifier to access the voting screen**

Cast your vote for each SU Executive Officer position by selecting numbers in the pull down menu in order of preference – 1 being the highest preference and so on. There will be six ballots in line with the six available officer positions.



A photograph of four students (three women and one man) standing in front of a building with 'MALMÖ UNIVERSITET' visible on the wall. The image is overlaid with a blue halftone pattern. The text is in yellow, underlined, and bold.

**Your SU President,**  
**was chosen to represent**  
**the students of Ireland at**  
**the 45th European Student**  
**Convention hosted in**  
**Lund & Malmö,**  
**Sweden.**

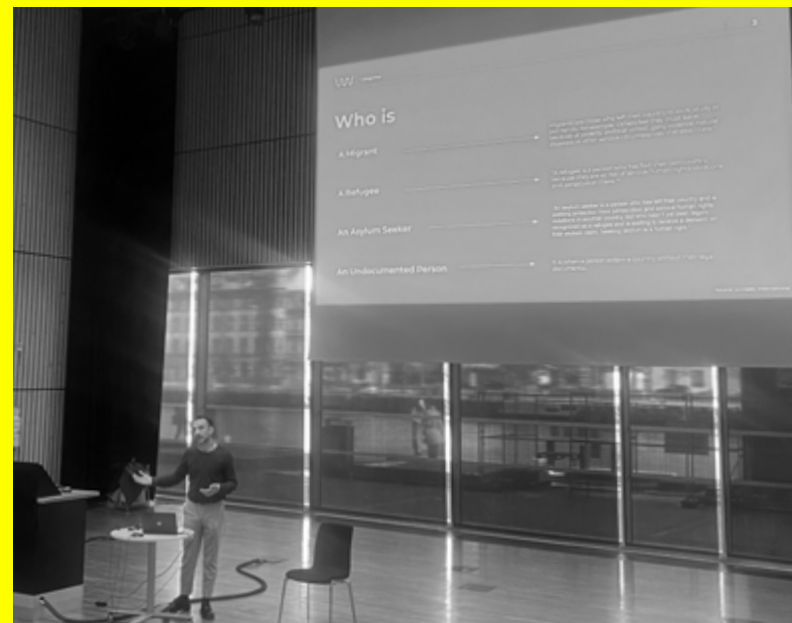
*Spobel Kavanagh*





I attended this event alongside the Union of Students in Ireland (USI), members of the European Students' Union (ESU), Sveriges förenade studentkårer and Students' Union delegates from over 30+ EU countries.

I was so honoured to represent Irish students at such an important event. The theme of this year's event was "Towards sustainable societies: Student participation in higher education".



During this event, we attended seminars about many aspects of the student movement, including;

- ▶▶ The future of student representation
- ▶▶ SDG 4: Academic Freedom
- ▶▶ SDG 3: How to take care of students' health & wellbeing
- ▶▶ Quality Assurance in Europe
- ▶▶ SDG 5: Looking towards 2030 - what can we do for a more equal higher education system?
- ▶▶ Student housing in the EU

I am so excited to take all of my learnings from this convention and implement them into my future endeavours as President of MTU Cork Students' Union.

[Is mise le meas,](#)  
[Isobel Kavanagh \(President\)](#)  
[MTU Cork Students' Union](#)



# BRAYDEN

## DJ Society Interview

**Q****Can you tell me about the DJ Society?**

DJ society is basically just a collective of music enthusiasts. We meet once a week and practice DJing, teach people how to DJ, and just share our love for music.

**Q****Why did you decide to join?**

I joined 3 years ago when I was in first year and at that point, I had been producing music for a few years but never really considered DJing. When I saw the stand for DJ society at the Societies day, I decided to sign up and after just the first meeting I was hooked.

**Q****What do you think is special about this society – what makes it different from other societies?**

The way I see it, this society is a chance to learn a unique skill that is difficult to learn elsewhere. It's very much a 'learn by doing' skill but there's a big barrier to entry because a person has to buy their own equipment in order to learn. For the DJ society, we have access to industry standard equipment so learning on this equipment is a rare opportunity.

**Q****Why should students join your society?**

We offer a chance for students to be able to share their love of music with like-minded individuals. We also work hard to ensure that every member, regardless of their experience, gets a chance on the decks and gets shown various DJing techniques.





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### Can you tell us more about Spin Off?

The Spinoff is a competition that's been running for over 20 years by TU Dublin. Basically, every college that enters selects one DJ to represent them and all these DJs go to Dublin to compete. This year, it's on in a club called Tramline on the 29th of March and I'll be playing for the society. There's a big prize this year which is an opening slot at another club called Index which has seen a lot of really big DJs play there so it would be a great opportunity. We're also bringing the society members up with us so it should be a lot of fun.

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### What is the best way for students to get in contact with you?

The best way would be to reach out to us on Instagram **@mtudjsoc** because we're very active on there. We also have an email address which is **djcork@mtusocieties.ie**.



# Become a Student Leader

Are you interested in becoming a Student Leader?

Looking for a part time job that suits your lecture times?

Want an engaging, flexible, and rewarding job on Campus?

Student Leaders assist in the running of the Registration & Orientation Programme, Open Day, the Careers Fair, Conferings, Post Grad Fair and other departmental events throughout the year.

## ROLE OF A STUDENT LEADER

A Student Leader will be a member of MTU Cork Student Services Team and will assist in the provision of services designed to meet the needs of students.

The aim is to promote a positive adjustment into the University, to help students make friends and develop a support group, to involve students in the life of the University and to introduce students to the different services and supports available.

## REQUIREMENTS:

- ▶▶ Excellent communication skills.
- ▶▶ Ability to lead and assist all students in contributing towards a positive student experience.
- ▶▶ Strong interpersonal skills.
- ▶▶ Demonstrate evidence and ability to work as part of a team.
- ▶▶ Genuine interest in all aspects of student life and a concern for the wellbeing of the students.

## PERSONS APPOINTED WILL BE EXPECTED TO:

Provide essential information to all students to support a seamless transition during the

Registration & Orientation process, Liaise daily with students, staff, and key stakeholders to answer any of their queries or concerns.

Wear the MTU Student leader T-Shirts and/or hoodies together with the name tags provided.

**IF YOU THINK YOU WOULD BE GREAT AT THIS ROLE, THEN APPLY [HERE](#)**

**PLEASE INCLUDE AN UPDATED CV,  
COVER LETTER AND HEADSHOT,  
BY 5PM, 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023**

If you have any queries about the Student Leader role please email Yvonne Mackey at [yvonne.mackey@mtu.ie](mailto:yvonne.mackey@mtu.ie)

***Please note: Students may be selected based on their application form, CV, and Cover Letter ONLY, therefore, it is essential that you include all relevant information regarding yourself when applying for the position.***

## SALARY SCALE:

**€12.13 PER HOUR**

Applicants are invited from both undergraduate and post graduate level, however applicants must be registered as full-time MTU students during the academic year 2023/24.



# WE ARE HIRING

APPLICATIONS FOR **STUDENT LEADERS**  
FOR 2023/2024 ARE NOW OPEN!

## ARE YOU:

- ▶ Outgoing & Professional
- ▶ A Teamplayer & Helpful
- ▶ An Excellent Communicator

Then we want you to apply!

## APPLY NOW

Through the link sent to you on  
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Munster Technological University

APPLICATIONS OPEN 6TH MARCH- 7TH APRIL 2023

# New Multi-purpose Arena Opens

The much-anticipated state-of-the-art Multi-purpose MTU Arena has opened on MTU's Bishopstown Campus. This €13 million development, the first of several new buildings which will be built at the University, will provide a much-needed facility for the MTU community.

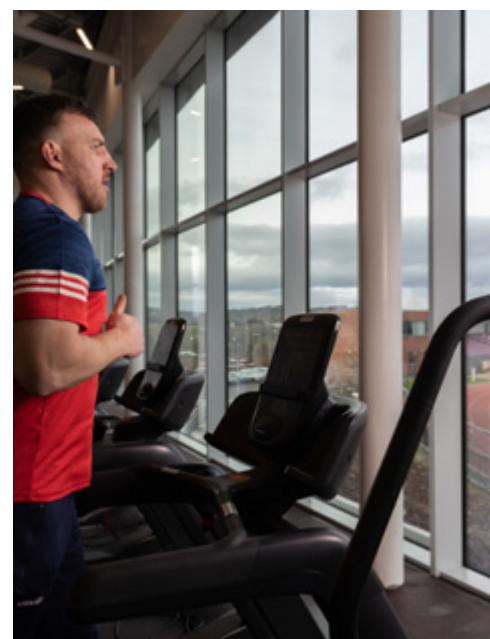






The Arena includes a 1,340m<sup>2</sup> hall, two studios, a café and a 600 m<sup>2</sup> gym. Ultimately, the Arena will be open 7 days per week and membership of the gym will be open to students, staff and members of the public.

Construction of the Arena began in 2020, with the then Tánaiste, Simon Coveney TD, turning the sod on 22nd June 2020.







The Arena is multi-purpose and, in addition to catering for sports, societies and other University activities (conferring ceremonies, careers fairs, examinations), the venue will also be available for hire by external groups, including local community groups, for concerts, exhibitions and other events. The main hall of the Arena can accommodate 1,200 people seated.

MTU President, Professor Maggie Cusack, commented: "MTU Arena was built in just two years despite many challenges, not least a global pandemic. The delivery of this state-of-the-art building is a testament to the dedication of all those involved in the project and to MTU's commitment to becoming a truly great university. The arena will hugely benefit current and future students and staff, as well as the wider South West Region, as a brand-new venue for conferences and events."

President of MTU Cork Students' Union Isobel Kavanagh said "I am really excited to see the opening of the Arena for our students. It will be a welcome addition to the campus as it will provide a space for students to meet and socialise, play sports, go

to the gym and participate in various other extra-curricular activities. The campus needs lots of spaces like this for our students so this is a great start in our journey to becoming an extremely attractive university which promotes the overall health and wellbeing of our students."

"This is, first and foremost, a place for our students. They are key to the life of the University and will be the greatest beneficiaries of this new building," said Mervyn O'Mahony, MTU Arena Operations Manager. "We are looking forward to being able to host a wide variety of events at the MTU Arena. This is a true community asset, and we are looking forward to welcoming people over the coming weeks and months". Mervyn acknowledged the great work done by all associated with the building from its inception in 2012 to the present time.

The University will host an official opening ceremony for the multi-purpose arena over the coming months.

Enquiries in relation to booking this new facility may be made by email to [arena@mtu.ie](mailto:arena@mtu.ie).





# MTU ARENA

## MONDAY CLASSES

Class	Time	Location	Cost
Circuits	7:15am – 8:00am	Main Hall	Free

## TUESDAY CLASSES

Spinning	7:30am – 8:15am	Studio 2	€5
Pilates	1:05pm – 1:45pm	Studio 1	€5

## WEDNESDAY CLASSES

Bootcamp	7:15am – 8:00am	Studio 1	€5
Yoga	1:05pm – 1:45pm	Studio 1	€5
Pilates	5:00pm – 5:45pm	Online	€5
Circuits	5:00pm – 6:00pm	Main Hall	Free

## THURSDAY CLASSES

Spinning	1:05pm – 1:45pm	Studio 2	€5
Yoga	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Online	€5

MONTHLY CLASS PASS **ONLY €40** - PAY AT MTU ARENA RECEPTION DESK

[WWW.MTUARENA.IE](http://WWW.MTUARENA.IE)



# Flynnner's Flying Column


On February 6th 2023, a massive earthquake struck Southern Turkey and Northern Syria. Over 42,000 people have been killed, many of them while they were asleep during the first impacts, and over 120,000 injured. Massive and extensive damage has been caused throughout the regions with towns and cities devastated, infrastructure destroyed and survivors exposed to both the elements and shortages.

The response to this catastrophe has been overwhelming. The United Nations, the European Union, the United Kingdom, the Arab League and the Red Cross/Red Crescent have all united to assist in rescue efforts, deliver vital supplies to the beleaguered populations, send resources to aid in recovery and provide financial support to the affected regions. People around the world have assisted magnificently in fundraising efforts to ease the pain and tragedy suffered by the victims, and Ireland has once again led the way in our national sense of generosity.

This is not going to be the last of such catastrophes, however. There has been the 2011 earthquake and tsunami in Tohoku, Japan which killed close to 20,000 people and caused widespread destruction, culminating in the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant disaster which had comparisons to the 1986 Chernobyl Nuclear Disaster. Being located on the Pacific Ring Of Fire, Japan, a developed country and one of the leading world powers, has had a long history of earthquakes and natural disasters, many of them as lethal as what Turkey and Syria have been experiencing at this moment in time.

There was also the 2010 Haiti Earthquake, which killed 160,000 and inflicted total devastation on the country, leading to more outpouring of support from the international community. Back to the Ring Of Fire, and very few can forget the 2004 Indian Ocean Earthquake and Tsunami, the news footage displaying the horrors of the monster waves wiping away whole communities and resorts in India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia – as many as 250,000 were killed consequently. I also remember the 1988 Armenia Earthquake which was brought to our attentions in the primary school I





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was attending at the time, one that killed 40,000 with the resulting destruction to go. Italy is one part of Europe that is not immune to severe earth tremours as disasters in Sicily from time to time have shown. And on the SW end of the Ring Of Fire, we have also seen the dreadful results of the 2019 Earthquake in New Zealand with Christchurch suffering greatly.

The SE end of the Ring sees Central and the west coast of South America suffer its share of disastrous earthquakes while in California, San Francisco has been hit several times, the most devastating being the 1906 Earthquake that killed 8000 and destroyed the city. San Fran's iconic skyscrapers have been designed to give its structures a fighting chance against such occurrences.

There is nothing we can do about earthquakes and tremours. They are caused by natural tectonic movements of the earth's geographical plates that have been going on since time began. However, we can all do our bit to alleviate the pain and suffering. Contribute wherever you can, give whatever you are able to and spread the word to ensure greater awareness of the situations of those who live in more naturally vulnerable parts of the world than we do. What we can do is strive to end inequality, conflict and global warming, and with the Russo-

Ukraine War still raging, the world in the borderline of environmental catastrophe and injustice across the world ever present, now could never be a better time.

### **DA FULL MUNSTER DERE...**

Last May, I watched the series finale of the wonderful and iconic show that is Derry Girls. And I thought to myself, "...damn it, Irish Film has found its niche, we will never get anything as good as that again." And just when I thought I was right; Irish Film struck again with a series of masterstrokes!

These came, firstly, in the form of The Banshees Of Inisherin, starring Colin Farrell, Brendan Gleeson, Kerry Condon and Barry Keoghan, a black tragi-comedy that has been released worldwide to critical acclaim and rave reviews. The other came in the form of An Cailín Ciúin (The Quiet Girl), an Irish Language coming-of-age drama that has become the highest grossing Irish-Language film of all time. Both films have won laurels at the 95th Academy Awards with The Banshees stealing further laurels at the BAFTA Awards 2022, demonstrating once again that, when it comes to Film, TV and Broadcasting, Ireland's reputation comes second-to-none.

However, such success comes with sad poignancy when, on February 11th, my namesake, renowned Irish

TV producer James Flynn, passed away at the age of 57, whose work included Love/Hate, Vikings and The Banshees Of Inisherin. His talent will be missed.

I have written about Ireland's talent for TV and filmmaking. One might only want to return to previous Explicits to read about the many I have written about – Glenroe, Bachelors Walk, The Barrytown Trilogy, to name but a few. Ireland has always excelled in this field via illustrating how, amid all the hardship, tragedy and turmoil, this island is a place where being youthful is all about feeling the warm winds of possibility coming through your heart, albeit for a short period of time in our lives, and thus being what you make of it. And with St Patrick's Festival around the corner, indulging in Ireland's rich treasure trove of TV and Film has never been such a better way to experience how knowing the real meaning of being Irish is absolutely – Priceless. So get to the MTU Film Society, get your DVDs out, stream them sites and indulge in all the true meaning Ireland has got for us!

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### **HAPPY DAYS DERE!!**

Great to see Cork City FC return to the League Of Ireland Premier Division, now let us get out and support The Rebel Army in their quest for success!



[We are delighted to announce that €8278.03 was raised during Raise And Give 2023 for Eating Disorder Centre Cork. The success of Rag Week is a result of the collaborative efforts of MTU Cork Students' Union, the Societies Office, the Chaplaincy, the Sports Office, the Arts Office and, of course, individual staff and students.](#)

# RAG Week 2023 raises over €8,000 for Eating Disorder Centre Cork

It was wonderful to see students and staff enjoying live events in the Student Centre and soaking up the festival vibe on campus. Well done to Isobel Kavanagh, Oisín Gahan, Kelda McManus and Mick O'Mahony who delivered a fantastic programme of events.

Special thanks to our main sponsors; Campus Catering Service, AnSEO (Student Engagement Office) and Bank of Ireland – without their support Raise And Give could not happen. We also thank our other generous sponsors including those who provided the fantastic Rag Week Raffle prizes. We hope the lucky winners enjoy them.

The Anime and Manga, Book Club and Photography Societies organised some very imaginative activities and we sincerely thank them for their contributions.

Eric Marah added a sporting element with a very successful RAG Soccer Tournament.

Special thanks to Aaron O'Driscoll, Mella Leonard and Shane Falvey for all their hard work behind the scenes. We are already looking forward to RAG 2024!



# About Eating Disorder Centre Cork

In 2007, a group of concerned parents whose children were suffering with an Eating Disorder got together for mutual support and direction. At the time there was no other support or dedicated treatment outside of the Dublin area. They got together and their goal at the time was to ensure that a service would be set up in Cork and be extended to all people regardless of their socio-economic background. Since then, the Centre has grown and last year there was an average of 188 clients seen by therapists every month ranging in age from 11 years old to people in their 60's with approximately 50% receiving a low-cost rate. Most of these clients were students aged between 18 and 30 years. As some of you may know, counselling can be costly but when dealing with an Eating Disorder which is a specialised area of work, a person is required to attend weekly counselling sessions and also attend a dietitian who specializes in Eating Disorders, and their doctor.

ALL proceeds that were collected from RAG week will go directly to these two areas of treatment... the low-cost counselling and the dietitian services. It will help to ease the pressure for clients who may already be under huge strain from this debilitating condition.

A huge thank you to the Students' Union for putting us forward as their chosen charity this year, and to all the students, staff and sponsors who donated so generously, it is very much appreciated.



**Woo Hoo!** **MTU CORK SU** **Noice**

# RAG Week 2023

**Mon 30th**  
**Market Stalls**  
 10am // Outside Student Centre  
**DJ MC Fleming**  
 12pm // In the Student Centre  
**Mind Reader - THE SUPERNATURAL BROTHER (aka Peter Carroll)**  
 1pm // In the Student Centre  
**BLADEZ Barbers (C5 Cuts)**  
 ALL DAY // In the Main Corridor

**Tues 31st**  
**Market Stalls**  
 10am // Outside Student Centre  
**DJ MC Fleming**  
 12 - 2pm // In the Student Centre  
**SEX TOY Bingo (with Jen Barry)**  
 1pm // In the Common Room

**Weds 1st**  
**Market Stalls**  
 10am // Outside Student Centre  
**Funfair**  
 11am - 4pm // In the Student Centre  
**RED FM Roadshow**  
 12 - 2pm // In the Student Centre  
**Soccer Tournament**  
 12 - 3pm // Astro Turf Pitches

**Thurs 2nd**  
**Market Stalls**  
 10am // Outside Student Centre  
**DJ MC Fleming**  
 12pm // In the Student Centre  
**Hypnotist - Anthony Galvin**  
 1 - 3pm // In the Student Centre

**Mon Jan 8 - Thurs**

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 EDC Eating Disorder Centre Cork



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# RAG Week 2023

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*Forge Your Future in Visual Communications 2023, MTU, Cork, organisers and guests, l-r: Mary-Rose O'Sullivan, MTU Careers Service, Cork; Molly O'Donnell – Graphic Designer – Workvivo; Richie Ryan – Creative Director – Greenhouse; Dr Gwen Lettis, Lecturer, Department of Media Communications, MTU; Susan Mulcahy, – illustrator/Graphic Designer, Saucy Pups; Helen Mulcahy – Graphic/Motion Designer – Herself; Pat O'Hare – Senior Creative/Motion Designer – Johnson Controls, and Shane O'Brien – Graphic Designer – Johnson Controls.*

Two Forge Your Future seminars took place recently for final year students in the Department of Media Communications – students enjoyed meeting recent grads and employers and discussing what jobs they might do after college. The seminar finished with everyone sitting down to pizza – what's not to love?

# Forge Your Future!



Recent graduates shared the REAL story of what it is like when you leave college – the good news is that all the grads are thriving and following different paths in design, illustration, motion graphics, film, and media production! Recent grads were Molly O'Donnell (*pictured above, left*) and Shane O'Brien, graduates of the BA in Visual Communications and James Cuthbert, Sarah Hayes, Saoirse Kennedy, Emily Power and Mac Darra Woods, grads of Creative Digital Media.

The industry guests came from Johnson Controls; Herself; Greenhouse, and Saucy Pups for the VisComm event, while Dog Day Media; The Vidacademy; Spéire and Kuul Play were the guests at the Creative Digital Media event.

Forge Your Future was developed by Mary-Rose O'Sullivan, MTU Careers Service and Dr. Gwen Lettis, Lecturer in Visual Communications in the Department of Media Communications, MTU. It has also been held for final year students in Biological Sciences, thanks to Olga Mitchell, Careers Service and with students in Crawford College of Art and Design.

The seminar is designed to prepare and motivate final year students on planning next steps after the degree – yes, we know it's easier sometimes to pretend it isn't happening, but May is coming soon! The message is that loads of support is available in MTU for final year students to help you make the leap from student life to working life. The good news is that the fun never ends when you are working at a job you love. If you are in 4th year and haven't started job search, book a meeting with a Careers Advisor on CAREERSconnect and we can help you along the way.

***P.S. Don't tell anyone but you can access the Careers Service for up to one year after you finish your degree! Happy days!***



# WANT TO STUDY ABROAD?



**Not sure if you'd like to go to Europe or North America?**

	Erasmus	US/Canada
Can I study for 1 semester?	✓	✓
Can I study for 2 semesters?	✓	✓
Do I get a grant?	✓	✗
Can I choose what to study?	✓	✗
Can I pick my college?	✓	✓



Contact Erasmus or Study Abroad (US/Canada) for further information

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studyabroadcork@mtu.ie





# Munster Technological University student named individual winner of Ireland's oldest third-level debating competition

First year Mechanical Engineering student and MTU Debate Society Chairperson Oliver McKenna, representing Munster Technological University has been crowned with the individual speaker's award at the 63rd Irish Times Debate final, Ireland's longest running third-level debating competition.

Students debated the motion that "this house believes it is time for people of the EU to directly and democratically elect a president of the European Commission".

Contestants who argued in favour of the proposition said elections would address a democratic deficit, increase accountability and boost engagement with the European Union. Those arguing against it said an election would be divisive, lead to "mob rule" and create a "breeding ground for power hungry individuals".

A dozen speakers took part in the final at St Ann's Church on Dublin's Dawson Street on Friday evening, the culmination of a competition that began last autumn and attracted more than 150 third-level contestants.

The debate final was supported by the Department of Foreign Affairs as part of the Government's EU50 programme, which aims to encourage discussion on how to best contribute to a strong and shared future in the EU.

The judging panel included Irish Times editor Ruadhán Mac Cormaic; Prof Brent Northup, chair of communications, Carroll College; and former Irish Times Debate winners Bernadette Quigley, Daniel Gilligan and Chikemka Abuchi-Ogbonda.

The Irish Times Debate competition, which began in 1960, is an all-island debating championship, open to any full-time third-level student.





Former winners include comedian Dara Ó Briain, film director Gerry Stembridge, broadcaster Marian Finucane, Supreme Court judges Adrian Hardiman and Donal O'Donnell and former attorney general Dermot Gleeson. President Michael D Higgins, former president Mary Robinson and former tánaiste Mary Harney were also finalists



# The MTU Visual Artists' Ball

The MTU Visual Artists' Ball was a night of laughter and dancing to be remembered by all. Co-chairwomen Serafina Tynan, a 2nd year student in Creative Digital Media, and Antonia Gergely, studying in her 2nd year of Fine Art, brought all Crawford College of Art and Design courses together under one roof. The event ran on the 8th of March in Rochestown Park Hotel, with over 300 attendees to enjoy drinks, a three-course meal, and entertainment from the Ciara Stacey band and MTU's own DJ Society

Societies Officer Aoife Kelliher was key to the success of the night, working alongside the committee, which also consisted of Siobhán McCarter-Flynn and Siân Foley from the Sharman Crawford campus, Micheál Meenan based in Sober Lane, and Cillian O'Keeffe and Isobel Quinn from the Bishopstown campus.



Antonia reflects on the night, "Everyone put a great deal of work into making a night that was carefree and memorable for students. We never really get a dedicated event like this as artists, so I'm extremely proud that we made it happen. We couldn't have done it without the help of the Societies office. We got a hugely positive response about the night. It should absolutely go ahead again next year."





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