

DCU President's Awards for Engagement 2019
and
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Monday 8th April 2019

HG22, Health Sciences Building, DCU Glasnevin Campus

10.30-11.00	Refreshments (Tea/coffee in the foyer)
11.00-11.00	Opening: Dr Deiric O'Broin, Acting Head of Civic Engagement, DCU introduces the DCU President
11.00-11.05	Professor Brian MacCraith, President, DCU – Welcome
11.05-11.15	Guest Speaker: Dr Anita Finnegan – Nova Leah
11.15-11.25	Joanna Ozarowska (Manager, DCU in the Community) reviews nominees for Engagement Award
11.25-11.45	Engagement Award winners announced and presented with awards (including photos & winners response): Professor Brian MacCraith (President, DCU) assisted by Joanna Ozarowska (Manager, DCU in the Community)
11.45-12.15	Richard Stokes (DCU Director of Innovation) outlines Innovation Award categories and criteria. Innovation Award winners announced and presented with awards (including photos & winners response): Professor Brian MacCraith (President, DCU) assisted by Richard Stokes, DCU Director of Innovation and Maria Johnston, DCU Invent
12.15-12.20	Closing: Richard Stokes, DCU Director of Innovation
12.20-12.30	Photos (upstairs, on the mezzanine walkway): Professor Brian MacCraith and Winners
12.20-12.50	Refreshments (Light lunch in the foyer)

DCU President's Awards for Engagement 2019

The awards are designed to celebrate the engagement of all staff and students with the life of the wider community and to make awards for the top entries in the Staff and Student categories.

The award will consist of two €1000 awards, one for a staff category and one for a student category and a €500 Special Merit Award for both staff and students. There will also be a Special Award for Enterprise Engagement. The award will be presented by the DCU President at a ceremony today **8th April 2019 in HG22 (Health Sciences Building, DCU Glasnevin Campus)**.

This award recognises the outstanding contributions by staff and students to the engagement mission of DCU. Engagement is defined widely to embrace civic engagement, public engagement,

enterprise engagement, sustainability engagement and student engagement. Entries can cut across the various areas of engagement and these are outlined here purely as a guide.

Civic Engagement

These are initiatives involving community partners that are committed to social regeneration and community empowerment. It may also include direct engagement by students and staff in community development.

Public Engagement

Through public engagement, be it through the media or other avenues, DCU staff play an active role in the wider debates in society around the future of the city and the nation. Making a mark, making a difference are key attributes in this domain.

Enterprise Engagement

There are clear links between civic and enterprise engagement as recognized by the higher education strategy. This area highlights social enterprise which promotes social regeneration and local economic development.

Sustainability Engagement

This area recognises the need to balance economic, environmental and social factors through all our activities, teaching and learning, research and innovation, our own campus operations as well as through our engagements with businesses and the community to create a sustainable future for all.

Student Engagement

Students and student Clubs and Societies who are involved in activities which influence the wider community are asked to put themselves or their group forward for this award. This category includes charity work, volunteering, social enterprises or any other activity in which students engage at a local, national or international level.

DCU President's Awards for Innovation 2019

These awards are designed to foster a culture of innovation in the University through encouragement and the recognition of achievements of both students and staff of DCU. These awards consist of 3 categories: **Students, Administrative & Support Staff, Academic & Research Staff**. The winner in each category will receive a certificate and €2,000 which will be presented by Prof. Brian MacCraith, President of DCU.

All staff and students at DCU are eligible to be nominated. The selection of the winning nominations was undertaken by a sub-committee of the DCU Innovation Working Group along with a number of external evaluators. The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony which will take place in DCU today **8th April 2019**.

Award Criteria

1. Award for Innovation - Students:

This award is for a new product, service or business process conceived by students of DCU, that is making (or has the potential to make) a significant difference in a social, educational, clinical or economic context. The Student Category includes recently graduated students since the last award in April 2018.

2. Award for Innovation - Administrative and Support Staff:

This award is for a new or significantly enhanced process or method which was conceived and adopted internally at DCU and which led to a tangible and demonstrable benefit to DCU.

3. Award for Innovation - Academic and Research Staff:

This award is for a product or process based substantially on research carried out at DCU with significant utility (social, educational, clinical or industrial/economic) and which has been endorsed by an external entity as having a potential impact on society or industry.