

Invent's Commercialisation Awards Ceremony 2012



Pictured Above L-R: Prof. Brian MacCraith and James Whelton, Co-founder of CoderDojo

The Annual Invent Commercialisation Award ceremony was held on 17th January 2013 in the Helix, DCU. These awards were established by Invent DCU to publicly recognise the researchers who work with Invent to protect and commercialise their research.

The ceremony was officially opened by Prof. Brian MacCraith, President DCU and the awards were presented by Professor Alan Harvey, Vice-President for Research and Innovation.

Invent was delighted to have James Whelton, Co-founder of CoderDojo as guest speaker. James gave an overview of his career to date and what he has achieved through the CoderDojo movement is truly inspirational. CoderDojo is a movement of free coding clubs for young people where they learn to code, hack, create apps, games and much more. It is all volunteer based and currently operates in 22 countries across four continents. This is quite a remarkable achievement given that it only started in June 2011..

After James' lively presentation, a total of 21 awards were presented across Life Science & Health, Physical and Chemical Sciences and Information & Communications Technology. The awards were a great success with attendance of over 120 researchers and academics on the day from various DCU Schools and Faculties.

Drawing the event to a close, Richard Stokes, Director of Invent, stated that; *" These individuals have demonstrated great initiative in the commercialisation of their technology and both DCU and Invent value the time and effort researchers put into commercialising their research. As the commercialisation gateway of DCU, Invent has the infrastructure, the ability and the expertise to assist and advise industry, academia and researchers in their innovation, commercialisation and business development endeavours".*





For further information on Invention, please check out <http://www.dcu.ie/invent/> or contact maria.johnston@invent.dcu.ie