

Docklands Innovation/ DIT Student Enterprise Competition 2016

In this, the 24th consecutive year of the competition, Docklands Innovation, a Bolton Trust initiative, and DIT are again providing DIT's students with the opportunity to win a range of cash prizes. The main objective of the competition is to foster a spirit of entrepreneurship among DIT students and to encourage and support a rigorous business planning approach to entrepreneurial activities.

The competition is open to teams of registered DIT students and this year more than 74 teams from a range of disciplines entered the competition. Without the participation of the students there would be no competition.

We would like to thank both AIB and Enterprise Ireland for their continuing support as well as DIT Hothouse and the Bolton Trust for their long-standing and continued support. We appreciate their support as well as the invaluable contributions of local organisers, lecturers, and the members of our judging panels for the semi-finals and final.

Annual



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in association with



where business meets innovation



Schedule

6.00 Introduction

Dr Colm O'Kane, School of Mechanical and Design Engineering, DIT

6.00 Welcome

Prof Gerry Farrell, Director and Dean, College of Engineering & Built Environment, DIT

6.15 Final Presentations

- Car Safety Kits
- FeatherGrip Ltd.
- Echo Ltd.
- Jaru

7.15 Judges retire to Deliberate

Refreshments

7.35 Awards

- Michael Griffin Award for Most Innovative Idea
- Best Market Research
- Best Accounts
- Semi-Final Runners Up
- Best Poster
- Overall Prizes

Judges

Rea O'Neill

Rea is one of the seven founding members of the Bolton Trust, which was established in 1987. He was Chairperson of the Trust from 1997 until 2013. He was active in DIT with start-up enterprises since 1990 getting funding from the Department of Education for DIT's early funding programme for entrepreneurs. From 1993 to 2000 he worked with the Bolton Trust to raise funds for startup enterprises funding between €50,000 and €100,000 to over 20 companies to help them in a start-up phase.

Peter Sheridan

Peter is a skilled and experienced business adviser helping entrepreneurs and their teams achieve their goals. Formerly on the Executive Management team within the Micro Enterprise & Small Business Division of Enterprise Ireland, Peter represented the organisation on the Evaluation and Approvals Committees of the Local Enterprise Offices in all Dublin Counties and Meath, Kildare & Wicklow. He continues to serve on committees evaluating second and third level student enterprise awards in the region. He currently mentors business start-ups with Local Enterprise Offices combined with advising SME's in his own business consultancy.

Gavin Davidson

Gavin is Programme Manager of the 'New Frontiers' entrepreneur development programme at DIT Hothouse, funded by Enterprise Ireland (EI). Gavin previously worked in a similar role at the UK equivalent of EI, 'UKTI' at the British Embassy in Dublin, assisting UK firms to scale and expand internationally. Other previous roles include the American Chamber of Commerce, Forfás and the Irish Exporters' Association. Gavin holds a B.A. Double Honours Degree (International) in Economics & German, as well as a Higher Diploma in Finance, both from NUI Maynooth. He brings a thorough knowledge of business issues, as well as individuals, companies and organisations across the start-up sphere.

Carole Hurley

Carole is Business Relationship Manager for AIB, for the past 10 years, and deals on a daily basis with the SME Sector, Professionals, State Agencies, Enterprise Ireland and Chamber of Commerce.

Teams

Car Safety Kits

Car Safety Kits will produce a product that comprises a High Visibility Jacket, Jump Leads, Torch, Ice Scraper, Fire Extinguisher, Basic First Aid Kit and a Warning Triangle. The car safety kit was developed to enhance the driving experience of the consumer, whilst ensuring the safety of the consumer.

Echo Ltd.

Echo Ltd. will manufacture the 'Echo Bicycle Safety Device', an assistive technology aimed at cyclists commuting in cities. The device is designed to make the interaction between cyclist/smartphone safer, managing audio, calls, maps, turn indication, and obstruction alerts without diverting the cyclist's attention from the road. An app will work with the device to provide synchronisation with any smartphone.

FeatherGrip Ltd.

FeatherGrip Ltd. will manufacture the 'FeatherGrip', a holding aid for hand-held personal smart devices, which attaches to the rear of the device. FeatherGrip enables prolonged holding of personal smart devices for those with hand ailments.

Jaru

Jaru is a food company that specialises in delivering healthy, authentic Korean/Asian food in Ireland, and connecting the Korean/Asian and European culture through the food. The idea behind the business is to maintain the root of authentic Korean/Asian flavours, while collaborating with other food providers in order to develop its own unique, healthy and delicious cuisine.