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Irish Students Awarded for Innovation and Insight on European Statistics Day

CSO announces winners of John Hooper and APPS4GAPS Competitions

The Director General of the Central Statistics Office, Pádraig Dalton, today presented prizes to the winners of the 2016 John Hooper Medal and APPS4GAPS competition in the National Concert Hall, Dublin.

The goal of the John Hooper competition is to improve students' abilities to describe, explore and investigate their environment using statistics. This national competition is open to teams of 2 to 3 students, up to 18 years old and is named in honour of John Hooper BA* (1878 - 1930). The competition was first launched six years ago to mark the first World Statistics Day in 2010.

This is the third year of the national Apps4gaps Competition. The aim of the competition is to encourage teams to develop innovative apps, harnessing open data available on www.data.gov.ie, to generate new insights.

Speaking at the ceremony, Mr. Dalton said:

"There has been a consistently high standard of entries for both the John Hooper and APPS4GAPS competitions, and I am delighted with both the commitment shown and the quality of entries submitted.

Students have demonstrated ingenuity and original thinking by exploring a broad range of topics from what makes successful sports people, to religion, to the migrant crisis. They have also shown creativity by developing innovative apps exploring community facilities in Dublin, informing tourists travelling in Ireland and promoting public transport in Galway. In doing so, they have highlighted the relevance of statistics in that they can be used to educate and provide insight and understanding in relation to a diverse range of subject matters.

It is most fitting that we have the prize giving today which marks European Statistics Day. Educating young people and promoting how statistics can be used in society underpins the CSO's Educational Outreach programme which includes the John Hooper Medal, the APPS4GAPS competition, The CSO award at the BT Young Scientist exhibition for the best use of open data and the CensusAtSchool initiatives."

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John Hooper Medal for Statistics 2016 Winners:

First place: Lauren O Grady, Rachel Bowler, Nessa McGarty
Mercy Mounthawk Secondary School, Tralee, Co Kerry

Teacher: Eileen Flanagan.

Poster: *"The Early Birth Catches the Worm"*

Second place: Clodagh Brophy, Julia Broughan, Rebecca Broughan
St. Leo's College, Carlow

Teacher: Helena Sheridan

Poster: *"The Question of Faith: An Investigation into Teenagers Attitudes' towards Religion."*

Third place: David Daly, Ryan O' Sullivan
Kinsale Community School, Co. Cork

Teacher: Shaun Holly

Poster: *"Statistical Analysis of the Migrant Crisis"*

Apps4Gaps 2016 Competition Results

Working App Winners

Best Working App, 1st place and Overall winner of the Alice Perry medal: Vinicius Menezes and
Bruna de Farias Chaves, Dublin

"Dublin in 1"

2nd place Working App: Eoghan O' Duffy and Gareth Power, Limerick

"Tourlink Ireland"

3rd place Working App: Lisa Finn, Concepcion Agrafojo Vietes and James Ferry, Galway

"Galway-On-Peak"

Concept Entry Winners

Best Concept Entry: Akhil Voorakkara, Steven Harris and Jack Lane, Dublin

"LifeStats"

2nd Place Concept Entry: Róisín Kelly, John Faust and Jack Lonergan

"CRI :(Crime Rates in Ireland)"

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Notes for Editors

John Hooper BA* (1878 - 1930). He graduated in 1898 with a First Class Honours in Mathematics, and in 1923 at the foundation of State, was appointed the first Director of Statistics for Saorstát Éireann. As the first Director of Statistics, John Hooper shaped the development of official statistics for the new State until his death in December 1930. His work led to the development of new statistics (e.g. first Census of Population and Census of Industrial Production in 1926), and the 1926 Statistics Act.

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