

## AIS ALUMNI SPRING NEWSLETTER



### Welcome

Dear AIS Alum,

Welcome to the **Spring Edition** of the AIS Alumni Newsletter!

From our brand-new AIS Mentorship Programme to Mini Social Events to our annual Creative Writing Competition, things are heating up for the Alumni Association this spring!

As always, be sure to follow us on socials and join our WhatsApp group to keep up to date in real time!

Pursuing a postgraduate degree? New job? Working on an interesting project? Volunteering with a cool organisation? Raising money for a good cause?

Let us know how you're getting on via email: [alumni@allirelandscholarships.com](mailto:alumni@allirelandscholarships.com).

Happy reading!

Best wishes,

**AIS Alumni Executive Committee**



### AIS Awards Ceremony 2025

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the All Ireland Scholarship Winners 2024 to their first AIS Alumni newsletter and congratulate them on their wonderful achievement.

We look forward to celebrating all 125 scholars at the University Concert Hall in the University of Limerick on **Friday evening, 25th April**.

Please keep an eye on your inbox for further details on this important event and welcome to the Alumni community! If you have any questions, please email [alumni@allirelandships.com](mailto:alumni@allirelandships.com).

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### Creative Writing Competition 2024/5 Update

The judging panel is currently reviewing all submissions for the AIS Alumni Creative Writing Competition. This is the **5th year** of the competition, and we were blown away by the quality and quantity of submissions from Alumni.

The competition winners and shortlist will be announced in March, followed by a celebratory awards ceremony and lunch in Adare Manor on **Tuesday 29th of April** with AIS Trustees, Judges, and Sponsor JP McManus.

Best of luck to all Alumni who entered the competition!

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### AISAA Alumni Mini-Events - Expanding Opportunities to Connect

We are excited to have launched the first phase of our alumni mini events, providing more opportunities for alumni to connect in a casual and relaxed setting outside of the annual Summer and Christmas gatherings.

We are currently in a pilot phase, with plans to expand based on feedback and interest from our alumni community. We kicked off our first mini event in February with a walk along Sandymount Strand, followed by coffee and conversation. It was a fantastic morning, filled with great discussions and new connections.

Over the next few weeks, we have many fun activities planned including a pub quiz, social walks, and events over food and a few drinks.

There have also been expressions of interest in expanding events beyond Ireland, including Manchester and London, so make sure to get connected and have your say.

Join our AISAA Alumni WhatsApp group through the link below to stay updated and share your thoughts on future events.

We look forward to seeing even more of you at the next event!

**Paddy Falvey, AISAA Executive Committee Member**

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### **AIS Promotional Videos**

We are delighted to share a short series of AIS promotional videos, featuring two of our scholarship winners.

A special thank you to Sarah Kelly (2021 Scholarship Winner) and Charles Stuart (2009 Scholarship Winner) for sharing their inspiring stories. We wish them both the very best in their future careers.

As AIS Alumni, we would love if you could share the videos with your secondary schools or students who might be eligible for an All Ireland Scholarship to raise awareness of the scholarship programme.

Watch [HERE](#).

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### **AISAA AGM**

The first inaugural AGM took place on the 18th of February 2025.

The new constitution for the AIS Alumni Association was ratified by Alumni in attendance.

AISAA Executive Committee members Paddy Falvey and Marta Geszczak were appointed as Treasurer and Secretary of the AISAA respectively.

The next AGM will be held in January 2026. Thanks to all who attended.

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### **AIS Alumni Christmas Party**

Last year's Christmas Party at the Shelbourne Hotel was a night to remember! AIS Alumni enjoyed a festive evening filled with laughter and delicious finger food. Our Guest of Honour, Rachael Blackmore was joined by MC Ruby Walsh for a fireside chat, followed by a fantastic performance by a live band.

Thank you to everyone who joined us - we are already looking forward to next Christmas! If you have any feedback or suggestions for next year's event, please get in touch.

Watch our highlight video [HERE](#).

**Hristina Ignatova, AISAA Executive Committee Member**