

## AIS ALUMNI SUMMER NEWSLETTER



### Welcome

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

In this edition, we wanted to give a bit more insight into the work going on behind the scenes of the AIS Alumni Executive Committee. We are currently working on developing our online presence, improving our internal communications, fostering more engagement among Alumni while encouraging our community to give back in a meaningful way.

As you know, our committee is chaired by Colette Scariff-Lalor and includes engagement, outreach, and events subgroups. In February, we had our first Annual General Meeting, during which we officially signed the AIS Alumni Association Constitution, which makes our Association legally binding. We also elected committee members, Paddy Falvey as Treasurer and Marta Geszczak as Secretary.

We have a very exciting programme launching in September so please keep an eye on our social media platforms and future newsletters to find out more in due course.

As always, we are open to queries and welcome anyone who wishes to further their involvement!

Best Wishes,

**All Ireland Scholarship Alumni Executive Committee**



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### Summer Party.

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Púcán.

A return coach from Dublin is available and plus ones are welcome. Buy tickets for you and a guest [HERE](#).

If you have any questions, please email [alumni@allirelandships.com](mailto:alumni@allirelandships.com).



**AIS Alumni  
SUMMER PARTY!**

**When?**  
Saturday 12th July

**Where?**  
Galway City

**What's included?**  
Walking Tour of Galway City followed by a meal and drinks in An Púcán

**Tickets:** €20 per person, available on Eventbrite  
Plus ones welcome  
Return coach available from Dublin to Galway  
RSVP by 7th July

[TICKETS](#)

### **Creative Writing Competition**

The awards ceremony for the AIS Creative Writing Competition took place in Adare Manor in April, where we welcomed the winners and runners-up of this year's competition. We were delighted to be joined by our stellar judging panel: Sarah Moore Fitzgerald, Donal Ryan, Eoin Devereux, Emily Cullen, and Surnai Molloy.

This year's competition was a huge success, with more entries than ever before, as well as the introduction of a new poetry category.

Winner of the Roger Downer Award (Prose) for her piece, *The Crown*, EmerRose Kealy said, *'I was honoured to receive first place in this year's AIS Creative Writing Competition. It was a privilege to have*

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The All Ireland Scholarships ceremony took place in the University Concert Hall in the University of Limerick in April for the 2024 winners. It was a fantastic day as we celebrated the achievements of 125 students across the island of Ireland.

We would like to extend our congratulations to the scholarship winners and welcome you all to the AIS Alumni community. We love keeping up to date with our Alumni and urge you to stay in touch with us as you progress with your studies and careers.



### **Mentorship Mingle Recap**

Earlier this month we celebrated the first major milestone of our mentorship programme with a meet and greet event at the Clayton Hotel Charlemont in Dublin. Bringing the pilot to life has been an incredibly rewarding process, and the closing ceremony provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate this, and all involved.

Ours is undeniably a community of talented, curious, and hard-working people; but it is also one with a desire to give back, to pay forward the generosity we've received as scholarship recipients. The success of this pilot has been a touching reminder of how this spirit of reciprocity — which is so central to the ethos of the All Ireland Scholarship — is alive and well in the Alumni body.



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are as excited as we are for future phases of the programme.

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### **Mini Socials Events**

The mini socials series has allowed scholars to meet each other in a casual setting and learn more about their fellow Alumni. The team has worked tremendously to organise these events, including pub quizzes, cinema trips, coffee mornings, and art gallery visits.

Those who attended the events really enjoyed reconnecting with other Alumni outside of the Summer Social and Christmas Party. The mini events are a fun way to make friends, try new things, and just enjoy the experience.

We have exciting plans for Alumni all over the country planned for the later part of this year and hope to see more of you then!

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