

2010 Irish FUW Public Speaking Competition for girls aged under 15

This cross-border and cross-community competition offers girls under the age of fifteen the opportunity to gain self-confidence by developing public speaking skills in an encouraging and enjoyable atmosphere where they will meet their peers from a broad range of social and cultural backgrounds.

All five associations of the Irish FUW organised local rounds early in 2010.

The final was held on Saturday 4th March 2010 in University College Dublin.

Adjudicators were **Professor Kathleen Lynch**, School of Equality Studies, UCD, and **Lucinda Creighton**, TD [elected member of legislature].

The finalists were:

UCD winning team
St. Joseph's College Lucan

UCD best speaker from
Wesley College

Galway winning team:
Presentation College, Tuam

Galway best speaker from
Colaiste Einde

DUWGA winning team
St. Joseph of Cluny, Killiney

DUWGA best speaker from
St Raphaela's, Stillorgan

Belfast winning team
Strathearn School

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Cork winning team
Presentation Secondary School, Ballypehane

Each participant had prepared two of this year's six topics - **Education, Environment, Health & Fitness, Relationships, Teenage Years, Leisure** and on the day picked an aspect from each topic, choosing one for the thirty-minute preparation of her 2-3minute speech.

The Poppy Corbett cup for the best team was won by the team from **Strathearn School**, Belfast, while the Joyce Craig cup for the best individual speaker went to a member of the team from **St Joseph's College**, Lucan, Co. Dublin.

The IrFUW has presented workshops on the competition at IFUW conferences in Graz and Perth. If you would like to know more about how the competition works please contact us through **irishfuw@gmail.com**.