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WHAT: Enactus Ireland National Competition 2017

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WHERE: Chartered Accountants House, 47-49 Pearse Street, Dublin 2.

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On May 31st, Enactus NUI Galway made it into the final round of the 2017 Enactus Ireland National Competition. This innovative competition sees students from nine HEI's, Cork Institute of Technology, Dublin City University, Dublin Institute of Technology, Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Maynooth University, Trinity College Dublin, University College Cork, University College Dublin and University of Limerick compete for the champion title. They were also joined by a network of business leaders, academics and alumni come together for a showcase and celebration of the positive impact and innovation created by these students at third level.

Enactus NUI Galway presented two innovative projects. The first, Hear Me! is a communication awareness training solution that aims to promote understanding and awareness of communication impairments and equip catering staff with the tools and strategies needed to create an inclusive environment. This is achieved through training sessions code signed by Enactus students, adults with communication impairments, and HSE Speech & Language therapists. The team recently delivered this training to staff in Galway University Hospital and are set to expand over the coming months. Their second project, HeadstARTS enables young adults with intellectual disabilities through the arts. Enactus members worked with the service users doing a variety of art and social activities on the university campus.

Terence O'Rourke, Chairperson of Enactus Ireland, said: "All the student teams involved this year have shown tremendous understanding of how their entrepreneurial skills and talents can be used to bring about real change in their communities."

Founded in November 2011, Enactus Ireland is one of 36 country organisations around the world that operates an Enactus programme, bringing together student, academic and business leaders who are committed to using the power of entrepreneurial action to solve community challenges. Guided by academic advisors and business experts, the student leaders of Enactus create and implement community empowerment projects and this experience not only transforms lives, it helps students



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develop the kind of talent, skills and perspective that are essential to leadership in an ever-more complicated and challenging world.

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