

Junior Chamber Galway

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Galway girl selected as Outstanding Young Person of the World

Junior Chamber International have just announced that Galway girl, Gearóidín Burke, has been selected as a winner in 'The Outstanding Young Person of the Year' (TOYP) Awards competition.

Gearóidín Burke, aged 24 from Newcastle, Galway City was awarded for 'Academic leadership and/or accomplishment'. Gary, as she is better known was born with visual impairment and was diagnosed as having non-correctable eyesight with permanent damage of the optic nerve. She attended the National University of Ireland, Galway and received a first class honours degree in International Commerce. She is now combining her apprenticeship in accounting as well as studying as a trainee tax consultant with KPMG, Dublin one of the top accounting firms in Ireland. Gearóidín will now go on to receive her World TOYP Award in Copenhagen, Denmark on the 5th November 2003 at the Junior Chamber International World Congress.

The Outstanding Young Persons of the Year awards is an international competition run by Junior Chamber International to recognise the achievements of some of the World's finest individuals in ten different categories. The selection process is intense and rigorous. Nominations are entered by each local Junior Chamber and go forward to judging in the final of each country's national competition. All national finalists go on then to compete for a World award. These nominations are carefully reviewed by a distinguished panel of judges.

There were eight finalists in the Junior Chamber Ireland Outstanding Young Person National Awards in association with Pepsi Cola. Each winner will receive an award at a presentation ceremony in Cloonacauneen Castle, Galway on the 10th October 2003 as part of Junior Chamber Ireland's National Convention.

For further information about Junior Chamber checkout the website at www.juniorchamberireland.org.

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Background Information

Junior Chamber Galway is a not-for-profit organisation led and co-ordinated by volunteers and is affiliated to Junior Chamber International which involves over half a million members worldwide. Through its activities, it provides unique personal development opportunities for its members while at the same time contributing to the economic, social and cultural development of the community.

The Young Persons of the Year Award is a National Award run by Junior Chamber Ireland in association with Pepsi Cola, to recognise the achievements of some of the country's young people, in the following ten categories:

- ◆ Business, economic, and/or entrepreneurial accomplishment
- ◆ Political, legal, and/or governmental affairs
- ◆ Academic leadership and/or accomplishment
- ◆ Cultural achievement
- ◆ Moral and/or environmental leadership
- ◆ Contribution to children, world peace, and/or human rights
- ◆ Humanitarian and/or voluntary leadership
- ◆ Scientific and/or technological development
- ◆ Personal improvements and/or accomplishments
- ◆ Medical Innovation