

Eurovision Unplugged

The Eurovision Song Contest – The Geography, The History, The Votes and The Songs

One-Day Conference (11.00 – 3.30), Wednesday 14th March 2018

Room 11, School of Education, Maynooth University (North Campus)

Featuring Contributions from:

- **Zena Donnelly:** Ireland's representative at Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2016 (only contestant to write their own composition)– only person to finish in the Top 10 of a Eurovision contest with an entry in the Irish language)
- **Michael Kealy (RTÉ):** Irish Head of Delegation for the Eurovision Song Contest
- **Padraig Muldoon:** Deputy Editor of wiwibloggs – the most-read independent Eurovision website)
- **Johnny Fallon (Carr Communications):** Eurovision aficionado
- **Caoilfhionn D'Arcy (Maynooth University):** Geography/Music graduate and Eurovision enthusiast
- **Adrian Kavanagh (Maynooth University):** Lecturer at Maynooth University Department of Geography, Eurovision fanatic...er analyst
- And...Members of the Audience

Provisional Conference Timetable:

11.00 – 12.00: *Uncovering Eurovision's Voting Patterns* – Input from Adrian Kavanagh, featuring members of the GY310B Geography of Eurovision class, followed by Panel Discussion

12.00 – 1.30: Meet and Greet/Lunch Break

1.30 – 2.00: Audience Participation – the *Eurovision Prediction Game*

2.00 – 3.30: *Panel Discussion* – Covering topics such as:

- Panel members' personal experiences of Eurovision
- Panel member's favourite moments from Eurovision History
- Ireland and the Eurovision Song Contest
- Juke Box Jury – the Panel reviews the 2018 Song Contest entries and offer their predictions

This conference will be the first ever event to be hosted by EGG (Maynooth) – Maynooth University's Electoral Geography Group.

(The EGG logo was designed by members of the Masters in Human Geography "Elections and Geography" class.)

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