

PRESS RELEASE

CIT HOSTS GRADUATE DESIGN AWARDS EXHIBITION AND AWARDS.

Cork Institute of Technology is hosting the **2012 National Institute of Designers in Ireland Graduate Design Awards Exhibition** and Gala Awards Show during Design Week (November 5th to 9th) at Nexus Student centre on CIT's Bishopstown Campus.

This is an opportunity to see the work of Ireland's best young design graduates. Disciplines such as craft design, furniture, fashion & textiles, digital media, visual communications, motion graphics & production design, and product design are all featured.

The exhibition will feature young and upcoming, designers such as Orla Reynolds who has featured on 'Saturday night with Miriam' and has been acclaimed in the international design press. Local talent includes Bandon native and CIT's first interior architecture graduate to show, Sinead Crowley, who is amongst 22 designers competing for the coveted Institute of Designers overall category awards and Graduate Grand Prix.

The week culminates with a gala awards ceremony at 6pm on Friday 9th November also at CIT. The winning designer will be presented with a new iPad by sponsor Compu B.

CIT is also hosting "**Albert, Ernest & the Titanic**", an exhibition by Jamie Murphy at CIT Wandesford Quay Gallery for the duration of Design Week.

CIT in association with Typography Ireland welcomes Phil Baines, Professor of Typography at Central Saint Martins College to Cork to research and conduct a tour on Cork's public lettering with Catherine Dixon.

The tour starts from CIT Wandesford Quay Gallery at 2pm, Tuesday November 6th. Both Professor Baines and Catherine Dixon are known for their research in this area, and though they have visited Dublin previously, this will be the first time that such a tour is conducted in Cork.

For more information please see the Facebook site graduate design awards or contact marc.oriain@cit.ie, gwen.lettis@cit.ie or www.designweek.ie.

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