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Upcoming Spike Milligan Public Speaking Competition 2013

The College of Psychiatrists of Ireland is hosting its annual Spike Milligan Public Speaking Competition next **Wednesday, 6th March**, 6.30pm, in the Sugar Club, Dublin. The competition aims to raise awareness of mental health issues among the general public and particularly to foster and promote communication skills around mental health issues among the medical student community from the seven medical schools in Ireland.

This year, teams of two from UCC, UL, NUIG, TCD, UCD, RCSI & QUB will speak on “**Online or out of touch? Mental health services for generation y**”. The competition is one of the first events of the year being held to promote the College’s 2013 theme of Youth Mental Health. The winning team will take home the Dick Joynt Trophy, especially sculpted for the competition, as well as a cash prize and a free place at one of the College annual conferences. We are delighted to have Scott Ahearn, See Changes’ outreach and partnership officer, on the panel of judges, along with Dr Antoinette D’ Alton, chair of the College’s faculty of child and adolescent psychiatry, and Dr Karen O’ Connor, senior registrar in general adult psychiatry and former Spike winner. Dr Matt Sadlier, consultant adult psychiatrist, will chair the night.

The competition has built up a large following among medical students over the years, and once again, this year promises to be an entertaining and enjoyable evening.

For further information or if you wish to attend please contact sfarrell@irishpsychiatry.ie or visit <http://www.irishpsychiatry.ie/Home/Upcomingeventsandcourses.aspx?id=5b1e8083-e30e-467b-9866-f33846d6cabe>

Information flyer attached.

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