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SciFest 2009 Cork Institute of Technology award winner becomes the BT Young Scientist of the Year 2010



SciFest 2009 CIT - Richard O'Shea at his stand.

Congratulations to Richard O'Shea, Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál, Blarney, Co. Cork who exhibited at SciFest 2009, Cork Institute of Technology. At SciFest he was awarded first prize in the senior Technology Category and the Discover Sensors Award. Last week Richard became the BT Young Scientist of the Year 2010 at the BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition (BTYSTE) for his project, "A biomass fired cooking stove for developing countries". Well done also to Kevin Bluett (Best Project award winner at SciFest 2009 Institute of Technology, Carlow) who was awarded first place in the Senior Individual Category, Technology and to Henrik Bruesecke (Best Project award winner at SciFest 2009 Letterkenny Institute of Technology) who was awarded second place in the same category. Henrik also won the Smart Technologies Special Award. Congratulations to all the other SciFest 2009 participants who won category and highly commended awards. It was lovely to see so many SciFest 2009 participants continue with their research and qualify to exhibit at the BTYSTE 2010.



Kevin Bluett, Meánscoil na mBráithre Criostaí, Kilkenny



Mairin Ryan, Our Lady's Bower, Athlone (Second place, Junior Category, Physical Sciences, SciFest 2009 AIT) – First place Junior Category, Chemical, Physical and Mathematical Sciences BTYSTE 2010



Henrik Bruesecke, St. Columba's Comprehensive School, Co Donegal



Michaela Begley, St Vincent's Secondary School, Louth (Best Project award winner SciFest 2009 DkIT) and Dr Breda Brennan (SciFest Coordinator DkIT) – First place, Junior Category, Technology, BTYSTE 2010



Sebastian Ryan, David Byrne and Conor Flynn, Mairist College, Athlone (Best Project award winners SciFest 2009 AIT) – Highly Commended BTYSTE 2010



Hazel Rogers and Shireen Data (Highly Commended, Junior Category, Life Sciences, SciFest 2009, DIT) – Third place, Junior Category, Social & Behavioural Sciences BTYSTE 2010