

The Leonardo Da Vinci Award

The annual Leonardo da Vinci Award was established in 1975 by the Rotary Club of Florence as an annual international prize named after Leonardo da Vinci, to be presented to young people involved in the study of the sciences, technology, literature and the arts. Among the disciplines recognised and rewarded so far have been painting, sculpture, music, geology, architecture, medicine and nuclear physics.

The Rotary Club, Dublin

The Rotary Club Dublin was the first Rotary club to be formed outside of North America. Our first meeting in 1911 was held in Jury's Hotel in Dublin. Over the past 100 years, we have changed hotel a few times.

Today we meet in the Grand Canal Hotel, a couple of miles from our original city centre location in the leafy inner suburb of Ballsbridge, next to the Grand Canal itself and close to the southern docks.

Our club has a long tradition of community involvement and visitor hospitality.

Almost every week we welcome guests from all over the Rotary world to our meetings. We are always delighted to meet new Rotarians (and their family and other guests) and to make new friends and we look forward to meeting you all in

Dublin in 2011.



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Dublin - 27th to 29th May, 2011

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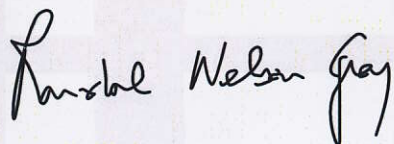
Dear Rotarian Friends,

I am honoured to announce that the 37th Leonardo Da Vinci Award Ceremony will take place in Dublin in 2011.

We have planned a weekend of cultural activities and enjoyment for you from May 27th to May 29th and shall do our utmost to demonstrate Irish Rotarian hospitality and fellowship at its best.

Welcome to Dublin 2011.

With Warmest Regards,



Randal Nelson Gray
Incoming President
Rotary Club Dublin

Preliminary Programme

On Friday 27th May, you will be welcomed by your hosts at the Merrion Hotel, Dublin and thereafter, entertained at the homes of members of our Club.

The Leonardo Da Vinci Award Ceremony will take place at the historic Trinity College, Dublin, and as the saying goes:

Meet where legends met...

Walk in Wildes footsteps...

Think where Beckett wrote...

Listen where Synge spoke...

Sleep where Swift dreamed.

We have an evening of entertainment and gastronomic delight at Dublin Castle. The Castle site has been occupied over the ages, all the historic buildings having been restored, and it is now fully integrated into Irish Society. Dublin Castle now plays host to European Union Presidencies, Heads of State, leaders of business, industry and government and now the Rotary Clubs of Europe.

It is also a major tourist attraction and citizens of all nations savour the variety of the facilities and experience the unique historic layers revealed throughout the complex - from the Norman Tower to the world treasures of the Chester Beatty Library and from the Viking defence bank to the splendid State apartments.

All good things must come to an end and on Sunday morning we invite you to a farewell programme and brunch at the Merrion Hotel.