

Press Release

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YAP Ireland's Cork project to compete in the 2013 Ocean to City race on 8th June

Five young people and two parents will represent Youth Advocate Programmes (YAP) Ireland in this year's Ocean to City Race taking place in Cork on 8th June. With the support of Meitheal Mara, YAP Ireland has entered four boats into this year's race competition. The youth race will start at 2pm from Blackrock Castle and finish at the Clarion Hotel Boardwalk. The theme for this year's entry is Earth, Fire and Water and each boat will represent one of these elements. The pieces of art/boats will be displayed before the race near Blackrock Castle and in the city centre after the race.

Speaking before the event Martin Ryan, Service Manager in YAP Ireland said: *"The end result has been the culmination of a lot of hard work by the teams who put in hours of hard training in all weathers to make sure they are fit for the race. The unique attraction for this team is that we have for the first time parents rowing in partnership with young people. This has fostered a great sense of team work and has developed stronger bonds within families. We are also proud of our young people taking part for the amount of training completed for the race. They have also embarked on an amazing art project that will tie into the theme of the race."*

Martin Ryan also said: *"The race will finish at the Clarion Hotel Boardwalk where there will be very supportive families and friends waiting for them at the finishing line. We would like to thank all of the competitors, their families and the Advocates for their commitment and positive energy in the training and now only the race is left. We hope that the people of Cork will welcome home this great and unique effort at the finish line."*

The 2013 Ocean to City Race will take place in Cork between June 1st and 10th. For more details see: <http://www.oceantocity.com/>

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