

Press Release

YAP Ireland's Cork project to compete in the 2014 Ocean to City race on 31st May

In conjunction with Meitheal Mara, YAP Ireland is very proud to be part of the Cork Ocean to City Race for the third time. This annual event showcases the use of Cork's beautiful river and talents of the young people from Cork, most notably, the young people from YAP Ireland. Seven young people will represent YAP Ireland in this year's youth race taking place on 31st May. YAP Ireland will have a total of four boats in this year's youth race; a mixture of young person and Advocate teams.

Speaking in advance of the event Martin Ryan, Service Manager with YAP Ireland said: *"This strong and enthusiastic group of young people and Advocates have been in intense training over the last number of weeks to ensure that they are in top shape to regain the coveted trophy that was won last year by YAP Ireland in a strong and competitive field of seasoned rowers. The YAP Ireland teams will have their flagship boat that will hopefully be skippered by one of the young people and leading the strong fleet of Currachs up the south channel of the river Lee."*

Martin Ryan also said: *"YAP Ireland believes in the strengths of young people and this race encapsulates the positivity, spirit and never give-up attitude that are central to the core values of YAP Ireland and the young people in our city. 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."*

Please come and join the hopeful young people from the YAP Cork team in supporting this wonderful event with the proud maritime people of Cork and soak up the carnival atmosphere on the day. The 2014 Ocean to City Race will take place in Cork between 28th May and 1st June. For more details see: <http://www.oceantocity.com/>

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