

## Desmond College Students in SciFest 2017 Finals

SciFest has had another very successful year to date in 2017. The number of students participating reached 10,000, an increase of 25% on the previous year. In all, some 298 schools and over 600 teachers were actively involved in SciFest at local and/or regional level. Since the project launched nationwide in 2008 some 50,000 students have taken part.

As in previous years SciFest@College fairs took place in 16 regional venues with almost 4000 students participating. These fairs took place between March and June in 14 Institutes of Technology, DCU and St Mary's College, Derry.

The national final will take place in the Marino Conference Centre on 10 November. The top prize at this event will be an all-expenses-paid trip Pittsburgh, USA, to represent Ireland at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in May 2018. The winning student(s) will be accompanied by their teacher.

Desmond College will be represented by 5<sup>th</sup> year students Thomas Curtin & Dylan Moloney with their "Height Adjustable Crutch". The students represent Limerick Institute of Technology where they won the "Boston Scientific – Best Medical Devices" award and the "Abbott Runner-up Best Project Award" last April.



Thomas Curtin and Dylan Moloney through to the 2017 SciFest finals