

Public Speaking Competition

S.I. Cork hosted the final of the Soroptimist Public Speaking competition for Girls which was held at the Great Southern Hotel, Cork Airport on 12th. March 2005. There were ten finalists and the winner was Roisin Curneen, Lough Allen College, Drumkeernan, Co. Leitrim, sponsored by S.I. Sligo and the runner-up was Aileen Dunne, Post Primary School, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, sponsored by S.I. North Kildare. Sponsors this year were Newbridge Silverware and O2.

Roisin received a Newbridge Silverware necklace and bracelet, while the rest of the finalists were awarded a picture frame, a mobile phone and a trip to the European Parliament in Strasburg as part of Euroscola. Among the attendance at the final were the Deputy Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr Mary Shields, National President Carmel Schmidt, Vice President, S.I. Cork Margaret Murphy, also Mary Killaran from the European Parliament. A very special guest was Mildred O'Brien, founder of the competition 25 years ago. (A vote this year was in favour of retaining it as a girls only competition).



At the final of the Public Speaking Competition in Cork, Mary Killoran EU Parliament Office Dublin, Margaret Murphy Vice President S.I. Cork, Deputy Mayor Cork Cllr Mary Shields, Carmel Schmidt National President and Ann Dwan Convenor Public Speaking.



Leaders at EU Parliament with Deirdre Seary and Carmel Schmidt.



Carmel Schmidt National President and Roisin Curneen 2005 Public Speaking Competition Winner, sponsored by S.I. Sligo.