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**Heats for the 2008 Toilet D\*\*k Award for New Irish Comedy  
And for "Lovely Girl 2008"  
The Sugar Club, Dublin, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

Friends of Ted will be presenting a very special night of fun, frolics, fashion and style at The Sugar Club, Dublin on Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup>. This will be the third of the four heats taking place island-wide in the search for those deserving to win the 2008 Toilet D\*\*k Award for New Irish Comedy and the "Lovely Girl 2008" competition. Heats have already taken place in Galway and Belfast and following Dublin the final heat will take place in Cork.

**The Toilet D\*\*k Award for New Irish Comedy**

The Toilet D\*\*k Award was established last year alongside the very first Ted Fest. The Award is intended to boost the career of a new Irish comedian in much the same way *Father Ted* lifted the careers of many Irish comedians years ago.

At each Toilet D\*\*k heat, competitors will perform a 10 minute set with a judging panel deciding on the night who goes forward to the final in Galway on the 27<sup>th</sup> February at Cuba\* Comedy Club, Eyre Square. The four regional heats will coincide with the arrival of the Milk Float, which is being pushed around the country for 40 Days and 40 Nights to raise money and awareness for Down Syndrome Ireland and Down Syndrome Northern Ireland. Paddy Power are hosting the website and taking bets on the push - see [www.ted40.com](http://www.ted40.com).

The Dublin Toilet D\*\*k Heat will feature MC Aidan Bishop, resident MC of the International Comedy Club.

The best new Irish comedian drawn from the heats will win a cash prize, and a gig at Ted Fest on Inis Mor, as well as a slot at the Galway Comedy Festival . . . and of course the Golden D\*\*k Award.

**Looking for "Lovely Girl 2008"**

Fans of the legendary sitcom will be well aware of the 'Lovely Girls' competition held in the parochial hall on Craggy Island. At each of the Toilet D\*\*k heats a host of beauties will also be put through their paces, all bidding for a chance to appear at the Grande Finale which will take place during Ted Fest on Inis Mor on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Judges will be asked to look for "thoughtful dress sense", and will take a dim view of unnecessarily high hemlines and excessive make up. Traffic-cone navigation is a key factor, and conversational-skill an advantage - though a lovely laugh is essential. Girls are required to bring along something they've made especially for the night.

The Lovely Girls Competition 2008 winner will get 2 free flights with Aer Arann, 2 nights hotel accommodation and their portrait shot by top UK celebrity photographer Paul Rider, who has shot everyone from Ant and

Dec to Colleen McLoughlin.

Portarlinton girl Agnes Lynch was last year's winner. She put her win down to "Weetabix and the power of prayer".

All wannabe lovely girls must enter the competition by e-mailing their contact telephone number to [loveliness@friendsofted.org](mailto:loveliness@friendsofted.org), including 'I am a Lovely Girl' in the subject header. And this year there will also be an online search for the loveliest girl – for more details see [www.friendsofted.org](http://www.friendsofted.org).

It is the audience and the judges who decide which lovely girl will go through to the final. Doors open at The Sugar Club on Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup> at 8pm and the show starts at 9pm.

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### **Event Information**

The schedule of the remaining Toilet D\*\*k and Lovely Girl 2008 competitions heats is as follows:

Sunday February 10th Dublin – The Sugar Club – Doors 8pm, show at 9pm

Sunday February 17th Cork – City Limits – Doors 8.30 show at 9.15

#### Toilet D\*\*k Finals

Wednesday February 27<sup>th</sup> - Galway Cuba\* Comedy Club – Doors 8.30 show at 9pm

#### Lovely Girls Competition Final

Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup>, Ted Fest Inis Mor, 9pm start

**Further information on Ted Fest II is available at**

**[www.friendsofted.org](http://www.friendsofted.org)**

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