

Media Release, SMedias Journalism Award, 2022

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Dublin author and tree surgeon Clare O’Beara has won a national award for photojournalism.

Category: Journalism Relating To Health.

National Student Media Awards – SMedias.

Judge: Paul Cullen, Health Editor of *The Irish Times*.

Article title: *And Finally – Relaxing In The Park*.



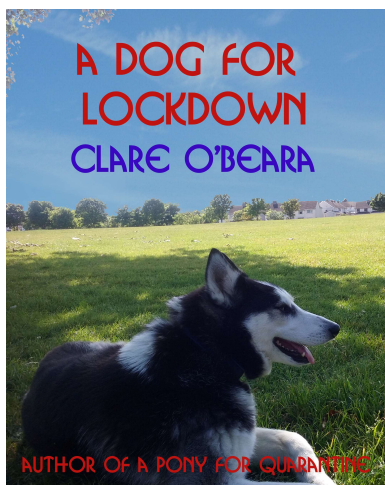
Clare was studying Journalism at Dublin Business School (DBS) at the time of creating and publishing the piece, which was part of her thesis project website. She has since graduated with a first-class honours degree. The article documents and celebrates people taking their permitted exercise in local parks during the Pandemic lockdowns, often accompanied by dogs. The photojournalism article can be viewed at:

<https://express.adobe.com/page/6UFGHpYm6h6wR/>

The awards ceremony took place in person for the first time since restrictions were imposed, on 28th April at the Aviva Stadium in Dublin. The students were addressed by Dee Forbes, Director-General of RTE. Ray Darcy was among those presenting Tipperary Crystal trophies. The SMedia Awards, known as the Oscars for students, were created and introduced by Colman Doyle, and are hosted by Oxygen.ie.



Clare O’Beara is studying Data Visualisation at postgraduate level at the Dun Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design and Technology (IADT). Clare is an independently publishing author, who has previously won awards for blogging and for writing fiction and journalism. Her books of Young Adult (YA) fiction, science fiction and crime are available from Amazon in Kindle and paperback. The recent *Irish Lockdown* series for YA readers includes *A Pony For Quarantine*, which went to No. 6 in the Amazon store for fiction relating to disability, and *A Dog For Lockdown*.



<https://www.oxygen.ie/smedias-winners-2022/>

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