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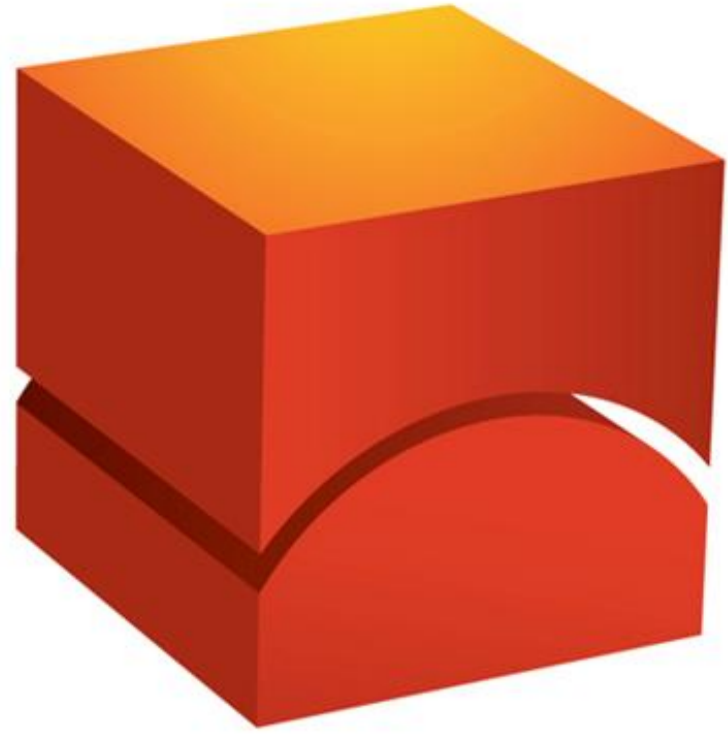
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Background

OCD Ireland is a non-profit organisation that began in 2002. It was decided that the goal of this organisation would be to provide support to people with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD), Body Dysmorphic Disorder (BDD) and Trichotillomania (TTM or Trich). In addition, it was determined that support groups needed to be created not only for the individuals with these disorders but as well as for their family, friends and carers, since these disorders have an impact on everyone in the family unit.

For more information please go to:
www.ocdireland.org

What is Involved?

As part of the Professional Development module in 2012, first year students in the Bachelor of Engineering Technology (Ordinary) Degree: Electrical and Control Engineering program were asked to participate in a community based activity. The class was divided into groups of four to five students. Each of these groups was asked to develop and execute a fundraising activity to assist the activities of OCD Ireland.

What is the Benefit to the DIT Students?

Through this project students developed and/or enhanced soft skills that they need not only as students but also as future professionals. Some of these skills included:

- Project Management
- Verbal and written communication
- Team work and leadership
- Time management, planning, organization skills and goal setting
- Problem solving and analytical thinking skills
- IT skills
- Creativity
- Research skills

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