

Irish Eco Challenge

The annual Eco Challenge is now in its sixth year and takes place this month in Borneo, Malaysia. The Challenge is the ultimate adventure race, with teams racing twenty-four hours a day over a three hundred mile course. Activities include trekking through jungles, canoeing and kayaking over white water rapids, sailing the open seas, mountain biking along trails and navigating deep gorges and caves.

Last year an Irish team from both sides of the border completed the Challenge in Patagonia, Argentina. The idea of a cross border team came from team captain, Noel Hanna after the Good Friday peace agreement was signed, to show the rest of the world that both north and south can compete together against the world's best adventure challengers. Members of this year's team are



Noel Hanna (aged 33) from Co. Down, Ian Cummings (aged 19) from Co. Louth, Timmy Flavin from Killarney (aged 42) and Alison Morris (aged 24) from Co. Down. Our photo shows Noel and Alison being presented with socks by George Crawford-Smith, Head of Sales and Marketing at Bridgedale, who are the team sponsors.