The annual Tower Person Award for Consumer Educators (TOPACE) is given to Declan Doyle in his capacity as Vice president of Research and Development at the Institute of Technology, Carlow and as a member of the PERL/UNITWIN (Partnership for Education and Research for Responsible Living) International Advisory Board. Declan Doyle has for many years actively contributed to research and education about sustainable lifestyles and, therein, sustainable consumption.

The TOPACE jury acknowledged Declan Doyle’s dedicated efforts to create synergies between educators from diverse disciplines. In his capacity as a member of the PERL/UNITWIN International Advisory Board, Declan Doyle has helped coordinate the activities of 140 institutions of higher education based in 50 countries. These activities consisted of research, capacity building and educational resource development focusing on responsible living. Declan Doyle was also the editor of a series of international
interdisciplinary research publications on education for sustainable consumption. He has evidenced unique abilities to communicate the aims of education for sustainable consumption to his colleagues and associates both in Ireland and in other countries, including in China and in Russia.
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Honourable Mention

The Institute of Technology Carlow in Carlow, Ireland receives honourable mention in connection with the Tower Person for Consumer Educators (TOPACE) Award for 2018 which has been awarded to Declan Doyle, Vice president of Research and Development.

The TOPACE jury expresses its appreciation for the support your institution has given to the Award winner.

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The TOPACE Award has been presented annually since 2000 to esteemed educators around the world. It was originally donated by Prof. Heiko Steffens, Technische Universität Berlin. The Centre for Collaborative Learning for Sustainable Development at the Inland University in Norway is presently responsible, with the assistance of an international jury, for the nomination and awarding of the prize.

The Aims of TOPACE
The tower symbolizes the outstanding achievements of dedicated consumer educators. The specific aims are:
- to appreciate the commitment of dedicated consumer educators
- to foster the promotion of consumer education
- to improve the quality of consumer education
- to strengthen European and International cooperation and networking.