More than 800 budding entrepreneurs have submitted projects for this year’s Student Enterprise Awards – which will take place in IT Tallaght on February 28.

Supported by the South Dublin County Enterprise Board, with sponsorship from IT Tallaght, the annual awards showcase the talent, creativity and business acumen of the region’s youth and instil hope for the future growth of the area.

The awards encouraged students to set up an enterprise, research their idea, make their products, market them and, of course, sell them and make a profit.

Over recent months, more than 30 workshops have been held in schools across South County Dublin on innovation, idea generation and business development which supported students with their chosen projects.

In the run-up to the County Final in February, The Echo will focus on a number of the schools which have submitted projects – starting this week with Scoil Mochua in Clondalkin.

A school for children and young people with physical disabilities, Scoil Mochua entered two projects into the Enterprise Awards – the schools first-ever entries.

The students of teacher Niamh Connolly chose a project called The Mocha Mag, a vibrant magazine published three times a year, to create a publication called Mocha Mag, a vibrant magazine published three times a year.

They really got behind the business and made a profit of more than €500.

Scoil Mochua will join other participating schools at the County Final in IT Tallaght on February 28 when a winner from each category will be chosen to represent South Dublin County in the National Final in April.