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Celebrating our finalists and recognising achievement across the DLR business community.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Welcome to an evening of achievement.



Colin Brown

PRESIDENT, DLR COUNTY CHAMBER

“ Success is strengthened through connection and community.”

As President of DLR County Chamber, I am delighted to welcome you to the DLR County Business Awards 2026 Gala Dinner at the Royal Marine Hotel. As the Chamber marks its 77th year, we celebrate the businesses and organisations whose ideas, ambition and commitment help our county thrive.

Our finalists reflect the breadth of talent across Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, from emerging enterprises and family-run businesses to established employers and community-focused organisations. Behind every achievement are people whose dedication, resilience and hard work deserve recognition.

These Awards celebrate more than individual success.

They recognise the contributions businesses make through employment, innovation, customer service and support for local communities. They also remind us of the value of collaboration and the connections that help businesses grow.

My sincere thanks go to our main sponsor, Sunstone, and to all our award sponsors for their generous support. I also thank our independent judging panel for the time, care and expertise they have devoted to reviewing this year’s entries.

To everyone who entered, thank you for sharing your achievements. To our finalists and winners, congratulations. Thank you for joining us tonight. Enjoy the celebration, reconnect with colleagues and make new connections as we look to the future with confidence and shared ambition.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

Celebrating achievement. Connecting our community.

"Tonight is a celebration of the businesses that make our county thrive."



Colette O'Sullivan

CEO, DLR COUNTY CHAMBER

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the DLR County Business Awards 2026 Gala Dinner, the highlight of the Chamber's annual events calendar and an occasion to celebrate our business community.

These Awards give us an opportunity to discover the stories behind local businesses—the ideas that inspired them, the challenges they have overcome and the achievements they have worked so hard to reach. This year's finalists reflect the breadth of expertise, creativity and dedication across Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown.

At DLR County Chamber, we see the value of bringing people together every day. Through our events, partnerships and ongoing support, we help businesses build relationships, share knowledge and find new opportunities. Tonight brings that work to life, gathering our business community to recognise achievement and celebrate together.

My sincere thanks go to our main sponsor, Sunstone, and all our award sponsors for making this evening possible. I also thank our independent judges for their time and expertise, the Chamber Board for their support, and everyone involved in preparing this year's Awards, including the Royal Marine Hotel team.

To our finalists, congratulations on this well-deserved recognition. Thank you to every business and organisation that entered and shared their story with us.

Enjoy the evening, celebrate with your team and take the opportunity to make new connections. We are delighted to share this special occasion with you.

Business.
Connection.
Community.

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YEARS OF DLR COUNTY CHAMBER

A voice for business.
A place to connect.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Chamber brings businesses together, supports connections and champions the county's business community.

The DLR County Business Awards recognise the innovation, leadership, resilience and community spirit of businesses and organisations across the region.

Tonight, we celebrate the people behind those achievements and the contribution they make to a county where businesses and communities can thrive.

DLR COUNTY CHAMBER

Our Board



Colin Brown
President, DLR Chamber



Viv Gaine
Vice President, DLR Chamber



Aileen Eglington
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AIB Branch Manager
Dún Laoghaire



Wesley Hudson
Independent Consultant Solicitor

Your Host
Alan Shortt



MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Alan Shortt is delighted to be back hosting the DLR County Business Awards. Professional emcee, communication coach and keynote speaker, Alan brings energy, warmth and a real sense of occasion to every stage he steps onto.

PROFESSIONAL EMCEE

Alan hosts conferences, awards nights and gala events across Ireland, the UK and the US, including many high-profile AI and tech conferences. Live on stage he has interviewed Sir Richard Branson, John Cleese, Jimmy Carr and Olympic legend Michael Johnson. He knows the best events feel effortless because someone is quietly steering the ship, keeping the room engaged and the evening moving.

COMMUNICATION COACH

Through Media Skills Ireland, Alan helps leaders and teams speak with confidence, clarity and presence. His “5 Steps to Communication Success” covers presentation skills, storytelling for business, keynote coaching, emcee and hosting skills, and media training. Clients include AIB, PayPal, Aldi and the HSE, and he has lectured at Trinity College Dublin, the Gaiety School of Acting and, closer to home, IADT Dún Laoghaire.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Alan’s keynotes lift the lid on the science of communication: what makes an audience lean in, remember and act. People leave with practical tips they can use first thing Monday morning.

Behind it all are over 30 years as a banker, broadcaster, presenter, actor, scriptwriter and producer, with RTÉ Radio and TV, BBC Radio Ulster and Channel 4. Alan is looking forward to celebrating the very best of business in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, and to a great night with this year’s finalists.

INDEPENDENT EXPERTISE

The Judging Panel

Recognising achievement with care, insight and experience.



Brian Geraghty

Senior Partner at Crowe Ireland



Chad Gilmer

Founder of iPLANiT & The Glasshouses



Lindsey Hasken

Healthcare IT Consultant and Entrepreneur



Bevin Mahon

Owner & CEO of Dentaltech Group

Read our judges' full profiles

INDEPENDENT EXPERTISE

The Judging Panel

Recognising achievement with care, insight and experience.



Lynn McNally

Hospitality Sales & Events Leader



John Moore

Innovation & Strategy Expert



Carol O'Kelly

CEO of Redstorm Communications



Mary O'Neill-Mangru

Seasoned Business Consultant

Read our judges' full profiles

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We extend our sincere thanks to Sunstone for supporting the DLR County Business Awards 2026 and helping us celebrate the achievements of businesses and organisations across our county.

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AWARD CATEGORY 01

Best Start-Up of the Year

Celebrating emerging businesses with ambition, fresh ideas and a promising future.

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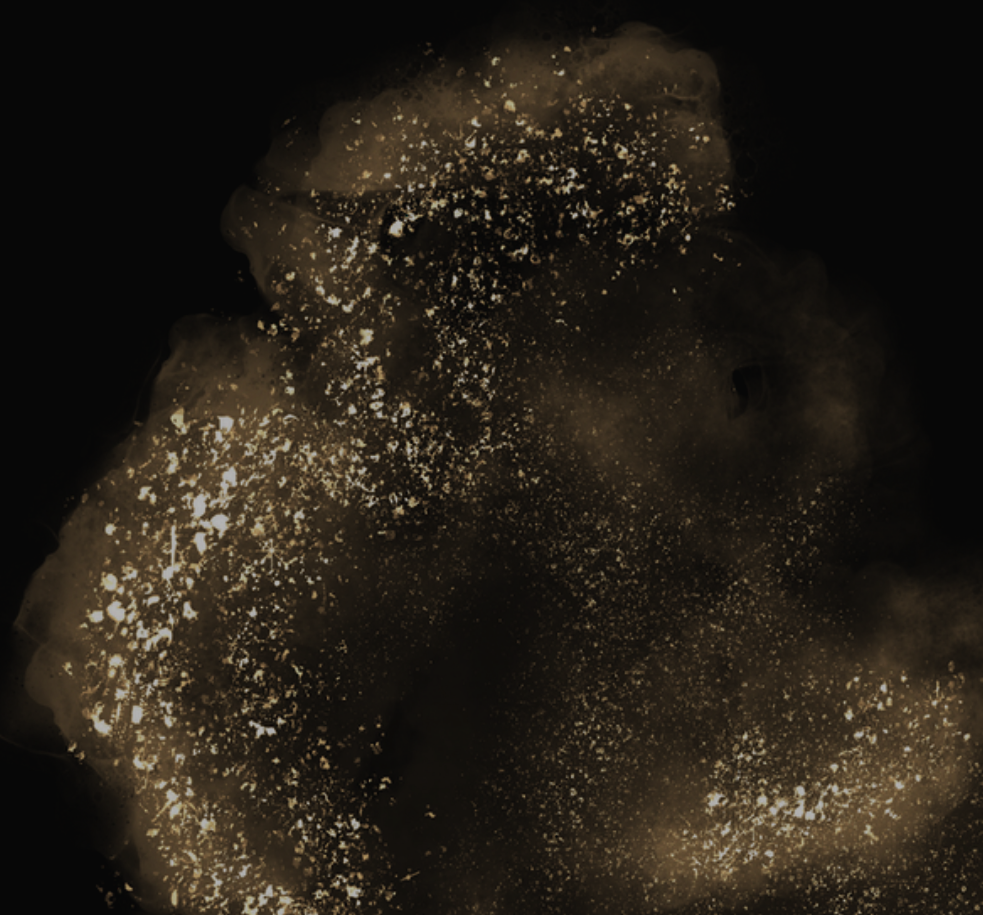

CATEGORY 01 / THE FINALISTS

Best Start-Up of the Year

Archaus Architecture and Interior Design

Archaus provides architectural services, specialising in residential design and planning applications, integrating architectural and interior design thinking from the outset. Established in 2022, the business makes architectural expertise more accessible through a transparent, fixed-fee service model, packaging key project stages into clearly defined services to suit different project sizes and budgets. It also provides one-off, two-hour consultations for smaller projects or high-level guidance. Archaus helps homeowners make informed decisions and visualise outcomes before construction begins, with growth driven through referrals, repeat business, educational content and community engagement.

www.archaus.ie

Bo7

Bo7 provides small group personal training in Killiney and Blackrock Shopping Centre, with another South Dublin location on the way. Started from nothing, with no investment, Bo7 is a place built around longevity, where the goal is still being strong and capable in twenty or thirty years. Every member gets their own pod, their own programming, and a coach who knows their history. Nutrition and recovery are built in, not sold as extras. Four years on, Bo7 has grown to two studios with around 450 members.

www.bo7.ie

CATEGORY 01 / THE FINALISTS

Best Start-Up of the Year

Business Technology Academy

Business Technology Academy delivers live, expert-led technology training to support professionals at every point in their career journey, from those taking their first steps into tech to seasoned practitioners advancing their expertise. For organisations, it provides bespoke B2B training programmes designed to meet specific business and team learning and development needs. Business Technology Academy is a member of AONTAS, the Irish National Adult Learning Organisation, EFVET and Cyber Ireland, and is accredited by the European Association of Higher Education Accreditation, underscoring its commitment to quality and excellence in technology education.

www.techacademy.ie

CannonPC

CannonPC is a Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown business that builds reliable, high-performance computers using a carefully selected combination of refurbished and new components. Established in September 2024 by its 16-year-old founder, CannonPC professionally tests and rebuilds capable hardware, giving it a productive second life. Customers receive the appearance, support and reliability of a new system while saving up to 50%. CannonPC sold more than 200 computers during 2025. Its vision is to make professionally refurbished computers a trusted mainstream choice for gaming, professional work and artificial intelligence applications across Ireland and Europe.

www.cannonpcs.com

CATEGORY 01 / THE FINALISTS

Best Start-Up of the Year

CFP Consultants

CFP Consultants is a boutique, family-run financial planning and advisory firm helping individuals, families and business owners make informed decisions about their money and their future. They provide lifetime financial planning, pensions, investments, protection and retirement advice, combining cashflow modelling with technical financial and tax expertise. They support clients through significant life transitions, including retirement, redundancy, career change and bereavement. Their business provides a personal, relationship-led alternative within an increasingly consolidated financial services market, with highly qualified advisers who understand the person, family and life plans behind the numbers.

www.lifecraft.ie

Charcuterie Countess

Charcuterie Countess is a premium charcuterie, grazing and food experience business based in Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown. They work with event companies on large weddings, corporate events and major events, providing bespoke grazing tables, charcuterie boards and a mobile charcuterie bar. The business has expanded into brand activations, retail and consultancy, working with Dublin City Hall and Skechers Ireland and supplying products to local retailers. A major milestone has been their consultancy work with Lidl France, developing mini charcuterie Planches for four major music festivals in France during summer 2026.

www.charcuteriecountess.ie

CATEGORY 01 / THE FINALISTS

Best Start-Up of the Year

DEFRÉIN

DEFRÉIN is a leadership and self-development business empowering people to live and lead by design, not by default. Based in Shankill, Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown, they work with individuals and organisations through creative, highly interactive workshops, one-to-one coaching and online programmes across Life, Career, Leadership and Business Design. Their approach combines engineering, corporate leadership, coaching, creativity and structured thinking to help people gain clarity, build confidence and turn that clarity into meaningful action. Their clients include Flutter, Diageo, Bank of Ireland, ESB and McCann FitzGerald, with a growing community across Ireland and internationally.

www.defrein.com

Event Square Limited

Event Square is a Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown-based corporate events company specialising in outdoor team building, company family days, graduate development programmes and memorable employee experiences. Their programmes use nature, adventure, creativity and shared challenges to encourage communication, leadership, problem-solving and connection. They have delivered programmes for Irish and international organisations across technology, healthcare, aviation, finance and professional services, ranging from intimate leadership and graduate-development days to large-scale employee and family events involving hundreds of guests. Their vision is to help organisations build stronger teams through experiences people genuinely enjoy and remember.

www.eventsquare.ie

CATEGORY 01 / THE FINALISTS

Best Start-Up of the Year

Lifecraft.ie

Lifecraft is a financial wellbeing and lifetime planning business helping individuals and organisations make better-informed decisions about money, work and life. They provide lifetime financial planning, financial coaching and support through career change, redundancy and retirement. For organisations, they deliver financial wellbeing and literacy programmes, retirement-readiness education, workshops and bespoke programmes. Their approach combines financial expertise with coaching and wellbeing. Education and planning-led rather than product-led, Lifecraft aims to improve financial literacy, reduce financial overwhelm and help people design their lives intentionally and secure their futures.

www.lifecraft.ie

Ninfa Studio

Ninfa Studio is a Dublin-based biophilic art studio creating original, handcrafted wall artworks from preserved mosses, botanicals, branches and natural materials. The studio sits at the intersection of art, design, nature and wellbeing, creating distinctive works for private collectors, businesses, hospitality and wellness environments. Since receiving its first commissions in 2021, Ninfa Studio has developed a recognisable artistic language and established a customer base across residential and commercial markets. Their ambition is to create original artwork that changes how people experience spaces and creates a meaningful connection with nature.

www.ninfastudio.com

CATEGORY 01 / THE FINALISTS

Best Start-Up of the Year

Nomad AI

Nomad is a Dublin-based AI adoption company working with owner-managed businesses, engineering practices, contractors, manufacturers and professional firms. Established in 2025, they deliver operational audits identifying where AI belongs and where it does not, expert-led training and custom systems built on their own framework. They completed their first client engagement in January 2026. Seven months later, 40 companies were working with them, including six on recurring subscriptions. Their training has reached hundreds of people across more than 90 teams in Ireland, Northern Ireland, the UK and the United States.

www.Nomad.sc

Party Club

PartyClub.ie is a family-run Irish platform created to make organising parties easier, more affordable and less time-consuming for parents, while helping local party businesses reach new customers. For €12 per year, parents gain access to a growing network of party businesses and exclusive member offers and discounts. For businesses, joining and listing is completely free, with suppliers encouraged to provide an exclusive benefit to members. PartyClub is developing into a scalable digital marketplace connecting parents and party businesses across Ireland, helping families save money while suppliers gain visibility and potential new bookings.

www.partyclub.ie

CATEGORY 01 / THE FINALISTS

Best Start-Up of the Year

Regeneration

Regeneration is a GPM Accredited Training Partner and CPD Approved Provider, delivering the Certified Sustainable Project Professional (CSPP) qualification, built on the GPM P5 Global Standard. Founded by Rhealyn Mugri, the business addresses the gap between sustainability commitments and project delivery skills. They train project professionals against a recognised global standard, giving them a route to prove their capability on a real project. Their optional Pro Bono Lab enables learners to deliver live projects for nonprofit partners, closing with a public Project Showcase and demonstrating their ability to deliver sustainability outcomes.

www.regeneration.ie

Touch2Sign

Touch2Sign Ltd was established in Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown to eliminate friction in contract lifecycles. They developed a unified, cloud-based software platform providing legally binding eSignatures alongside integrated remote deed witnessing. Their software combines digital identity verification with tamper-evident, cryptographically sealed PDF completion packs. They also provide Venue Edition for affordable digital waivers and HirePass for automated HR onboarding. Headquartered in DLR, with primary cloud infrastructure hosted in Ireland, Touch2Sign has transitioned from development into active commercial rollout, serving SMEs, venue operators and legal professionals across Ireland and the UK.

www.touch2sign.co.uk

CATEGORY 01 / THE FINALISTS

Best Start-Up of the Year

Your Skin Stuff

Your Skin Stuff (YSS) is a skincare brand built specifically for preteens aged 8–12. Founded by a CIDESCO-qualified skin specialist with over 20 years in the industry, the brand grew from a search for age-appropriate skincare for her own son. YSS launched in 2024 with a simple three-step routine: cleanser, serum and SPF, under the tagline “healthy skin habits start here.” Every product is manufactured in Europe to EU Cosmetics Regulation standards, with actives dosed specifically for young skin. Her son was the original product tester and remains the inspiration behind the brand.

www.yourskinstuff.com

AWARD CATEGORY 02

Climate Action Award

(Less Than 100 Employees)

Recognising practical steps that reduce environmental impact and support continuous climate action.

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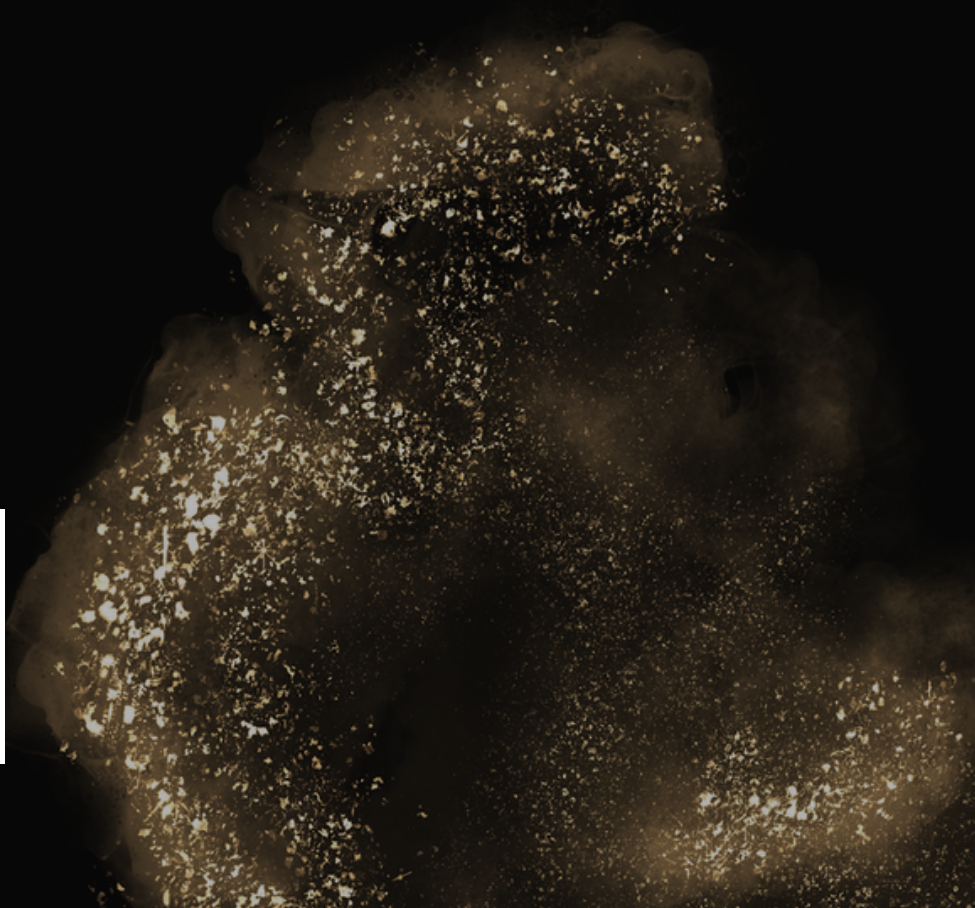


CATEGORY 02 / THE FINALISTS

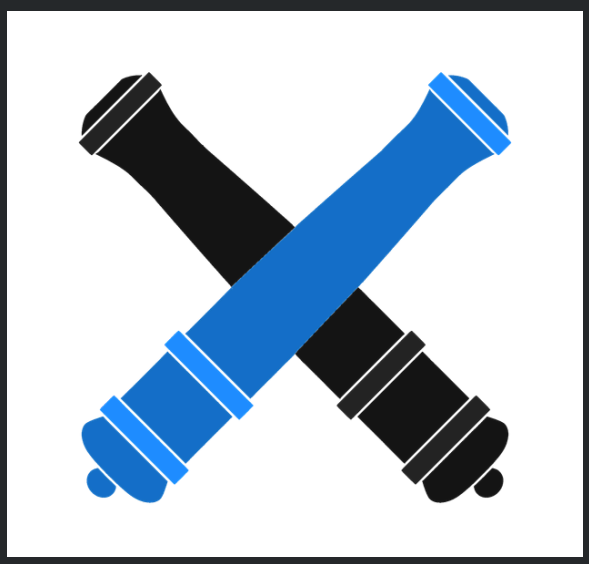
Climate Action Award

(Less Than 100 Employees)

ASA Brands

ASA Brands focuses on sustainable promotional merchandise and branded gifting, prioritising useful, durable products made from recycled, organic, certified and circular materials. Over 90% of their suppliers are sustainability-certified. They favour European manufacturing wherever practical, consolidate deliveries and choose road transport instead of air freight when lead times allow. Their Northern Ireland fulfilment operation enables more efficient distribution across Ireland, the UK and Europe. ASA webstores provide curated product ranges, centralised ordering and real demand data to prevent duplicated purchasing, overordering and obsolete stock, with selected products produced only when ordered.

www.asabrands.ie



CannonPC

CannonPC has made circular reuse the foundation of its business. They acquire retired office computers and previously used components, test them and return suitable CPUs, graphics cards and RAM to productive use in professionally refurbished systems. New cases, cooling and power supplies improve reliability and extend each system's usable life. They also operate a customer trade-in service, offer useful spare components cheaply or free, reuse packaging for outgoing systems and prioritise sea freight for bulk international orders. These actions reduce electronic and packaging waste while making lower-impact, high-performance computing affordable.

www.cannonpcs.com

CATEGORY 02 / THE FINALISTS

Climate Action Award

(Less Than 100 Employees)

House of Abia

House of Abia helps women fall in love with their bodies through bespoke tailoring and alteration services that honour the female form. The brand sources end-of-cut fabrics from prestigious couture houses around Europe, diverting high-quality material that would otherwise go to waste, alongside African prints for heritage pieces. Bespoke garments are pattern-drafted from scratch and hand-constructed per client, avoiding overproduction and unsold-stock waste. They also revamp and revive pre-loved premium pieces, extending garment lifecycles. Sustainability has been a founding principle of the business, rather than a marketing layer.

www.houseofabia.com

Renewables Ireland

Renewables Ireland supplies and installs PV solar systems, battery storage and EV charging for homes and businesses, helping reduce reliance on fossil fuels. They plant a tree for every kilowatt of PV solar installed and are involved in planting 10,000 trees with Reforest Nation in Delgany, Co. Wicklow. They also partner with recycling companies committed to diverting waste from landfill. Through their collaboration with Thorntons Recycling and its state-of-the-art facilities, Renewables Ireland recycles the majority of its waste, combining renewable energy installation with reforestation and responsible waste management.

www.Renewables-Ireland.ie

CATEGORY 02 / THE FINALISTS

Climate Action Award

(Less Than 100 Employees)

The Golden Ball Kilternan

The Golden Ball is a family-run pub and restaurant at the heart of the growing Kilternan community. They take a practical approach to reducing the environmental impact of their historic building while protecting its character. In May 2026, they installed 102 solar panels, designed to generate approximately 35,000–45,000 kWh annually. They have replaced approximately 20 windows with higher-performance double glazing, converted lighting to LED and installed smart thermostats. They separate recycling and food waste, recycle used cooking oil and supply coffee grounds to nearby Kilternan Christmas Tree Farm.

www.thegoldenball.ie

AWARD CATEGORY 03

Climate Excellence Award

(Greater Than 100 Employees)

Recognising sustained climate leadership, measurable progress and a long-term commitment to environmental improvement.

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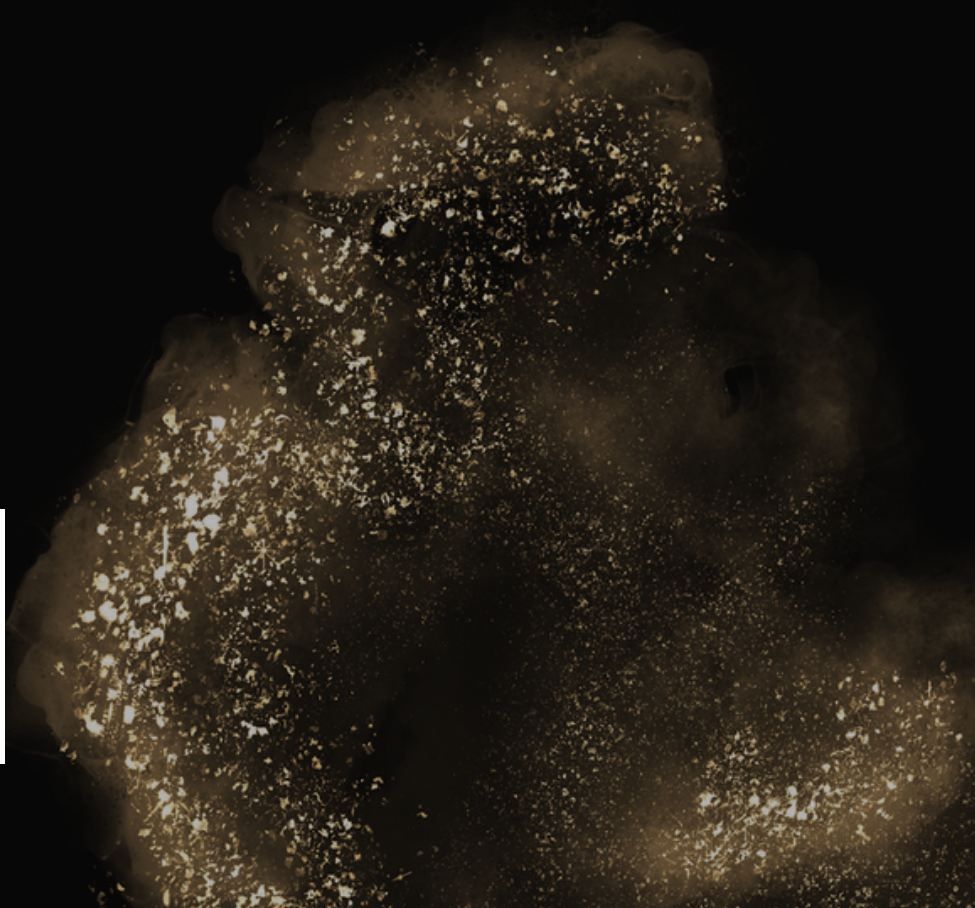

CATEGORY 03 / THE FINALISTS

Climate Excellence Award

(Greater Than 100 Employees)

APC and VLE Therapeutics

APC Ltd. and VLE Therapeutics are Irish pharmaceutical businesses based in Cherrywood, Co. Dublin. Climate action is integrated into their business strategy, governance and daily operations. In partnership with EcoAct, they developed a five-year Climate Strategy Roadmap for 2024–2028, with eight strategic pillars. Progress is reviewed quarterly by senior leadership and reported annually to the Board. Their voluntary, 25-member BeGreen@Cherrywood team drives environmental initiatives, while a real-time Utilities Dashboard provides 15-minute visibility of electricity, gas and water consumption, helping teams identify inefficiencies and take immediate action.

www.approcess.com/

Explorium Limited

Explorium is Ireland's National Sports & Science Centre, located in Sandyford, Dublin. Climate action is increasingly embedded in how they operate, invest and make decisions. In July 2025, their solar PV installation went live, supported by SEAI grant funding and completed with Truway Renewables, reducing dependence on grid electricity. They actively monitor electricity consumption, identify unnecessary energy use and consider environmental impact in facilities, procurement and operational decisions. Their sustainability programme also includes recycling initiatives, food-waste separation and the reuse and responsible disposal of materials, supporting a culture of long-term improvement.

www.explorium.ie

CATEGORY 03 / THE FINALISTS

Climate Excellence Award

(Greater Than 100 Employees)

Talbot Hotel Stillorgan

Talbot Hotel Stillorgan is a four-star hotel where climate action increasingly informs investment and operational decisions. Their approach is supported by the Talbot Collection Sustainability Management Plan 2024–2029. A 340-panel, 171 kW solar installation generates renewable electricity and powers EV charging facilities. Water-saving measures include replacing baths with showers and installing flow restrictors. Filtered water stations and reusable glass conference bottles avoid approximately 300,000 single-use bottles annually. Food waste undergoes anaerobic processing, bulk toiletries reduce packaging, and their biodiversity programme includes growing flowers for hotel events, with a herb garden planned.

www.talbothotelstillorgan.com

AWARD CATEGORY 04

Innovation & Digital Transformation Award

Celebrating ideas and digital advances that improve how businesses work and create value.

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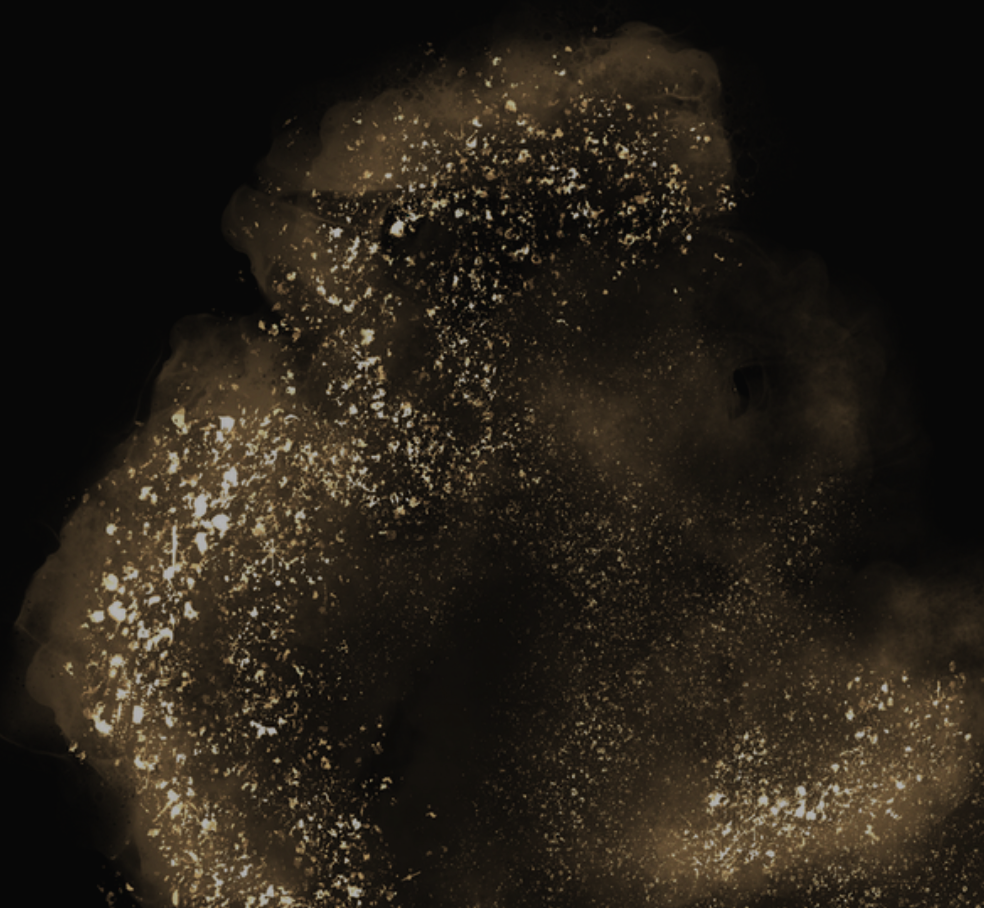

CATEGORY 04 / THE FINALISTS

Innovation & Digital Transformation Award

Core Credit Union

Core Credit Union has created a connected digital ecosystem linking member services, financial education and employee development. Their mobile-first website offers simple one-thumb navigation and an innovative loan calculator, allowing members to see immediately how additional repayments could reduce interest and shorten their loan term. Financial education webinars and dedicated microsites provide practical support. Internally, the Core Portal connects employee information and processes, while Core Edge delivers on-demand video learning with recorded staff attestations. Together, these initiatives bring member experience, employee engagement, compliance and operational efficiency into one practical transformation programme.

www.corecu.ie

LHK Group

LHK Group has undertaken a digital transformation programme to improve customer experience, increase lead generation and support future growth. Their redeveloped website guides businesses and individuals through dedicated pathways to relevant services across insurance, financial planning, employee benefits and mortgages. An online meeting booking facility enables clients to schedule appointments instantly. They also launched lhkmortgages.ie, a dedicated platform with tailored assessment tools, calculators and digital forms. Clients can complete much of the information-gathering process online before speaking with an adviser, creating a faster, more efficient and seamless client journey.

www.lhkgroup.ie

CATEGORY 04 / THE FINALISTS

Innovation & Digital Transformation Award

Nomad

Nomad is a five-person AI adoption company providing AI training, adoption and custom AI systems for SMEs in Ireland. Their initiative is Liquid OS, the AI operating platform they built and use to run the entire company, including CRM, proposals, invoicing, contracts, compliance records and client portals. AI agents work within the platform daily, drafting documents, reconciling accounts and identifying what requires a human decision. The same platform is now their product: Aster ingests and interprets client data, Iris structures it into a knowledge base, and Liquid OS provides the operating layer.

www.nomad.sc

Talbot Hotel Stillorgan

Talbot Hotel Stillorgan has transformed how guests and local members interact with the business through automation, artificial intelligence, digital self-service and data analytics. Their initiatives include automated CRM guest journeys, personalised communications, digital check-in, pre-arrival upselling and an AI-powered website chatbot providing 24/7 assistance. A dedicated TalbotFit website offers online class booking and membership purchasing. Behind these customer-facing developments, business intelligence dashboards support performance analysis and decision-making, alongside a focus on high-quality CRM data. Together, these initiatives improve customer communications, service delivery and the use of technology and data.

www.talbothotelstillorgan.com

CATEGORY 04 / THE FINALISTS

Innovation & Digital Transformation Award

Touch2Sign

Touch2Sign delivers an all-in-one software platform designed to eliminate friction in contract lifecycles and document execution. Their unified, cloud-based platform provides electronic signatures alongside integrated remote deed witnessing and digital identity verification. Dedicated modules include HirePass for employee onboarding and tax form collection, and Venue Edition for digital waivers and consent management. Every executed document generates a tamper-evident PDF backed by cryptographic hashes and full audit trails. Headquartered in Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown, with primary cloud infrastructure hosted in Ireland, they serve SMEs, venue operators and legal professionals across Ireland and the UK.

www.touch2sign.co.uk

AWARD CATEGORY 05

Inclusive Employer of the Year Award

Celebrating workplaces where inclusion, wellbeing and belonging are reflected in everyday working life.

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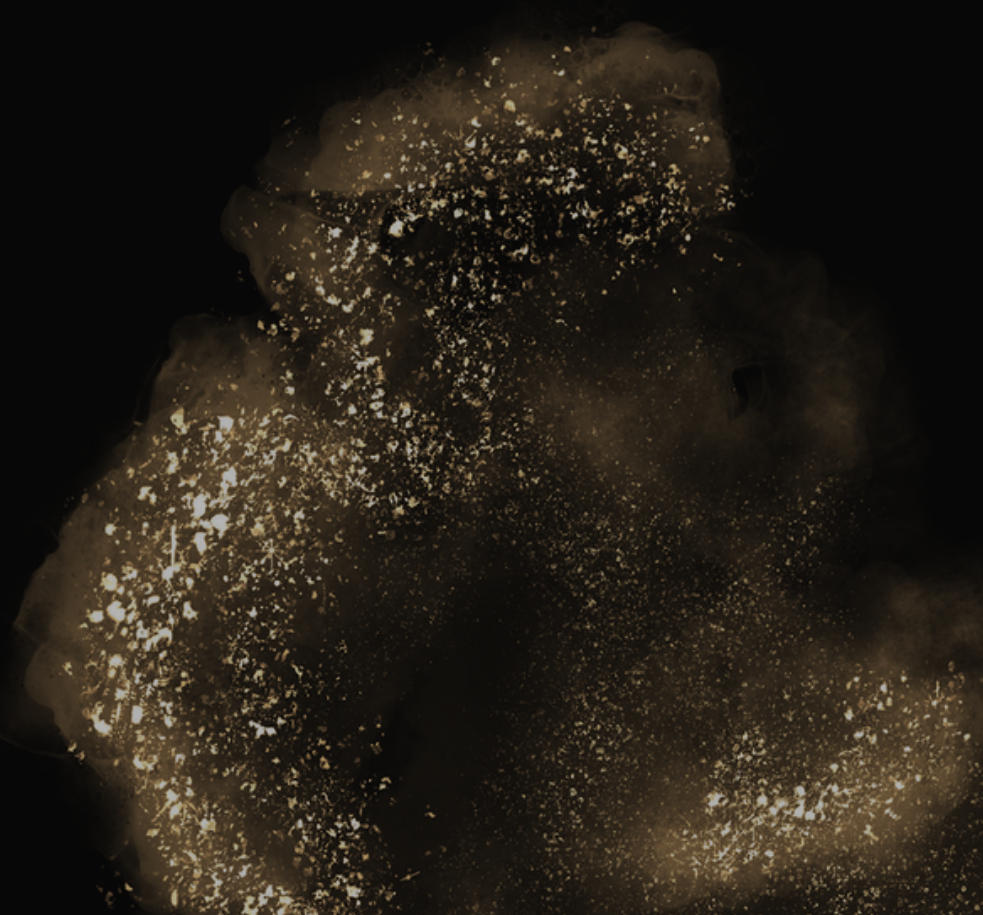

CATEGORY 05 / THE FINALISTS

Inclusive Employer of the Year Award

Airfield Estate

Airfield Estate is a 38-acre working farm, visitor attraction, education centre and registered charity in Dublin. Inclusion means creating a workplace where everyone can participate, contribute, develop and belong. Their 2025 Great Place to Work results included a 92% score for Diversity & Inclusion. GROW provides structured, supported work placements for young adults with intellectual disabilities across the Estate. More than 25 people have completed GROW, with the vast majority progressing into paid employment. Their wider approach includes Sprout, improving accessibility for autistic visitors, and staff training in inclusive communication.

www.airfield.ie

Core Credit Union Ltd

At Core Credit Union, inclusion is embedded in how they recruit, support and engage their people. Their workforce includes colleagues from different countries, cultures and backgrounds. They provide meaningful part-time employment to two adults with Down syndrome, who are fully integrated team members and supported to develop their skills. They celebrate cultures and identities through Brazilian Day, Canada Day, Chinese New Year, Ramadan, Pride and Seachtain na Gaeilge. Alongside open communication and equal opportunity, inclusion is an everyday responsibility reflected in employment practices, team relationships and service to diverse communities.

www.corecu.ie

CATEGORY 05 / THE FINALISTS

Inclusive Employer of the Year Award

PTSB

PTSB is one of Ireland's leading financial services providers, serving personal and business customers. They focus on fostering a diverse, equitable and inclusive workplace through recruitment practices encouraging applications from underrepresented groups, outreach initiatives and partnerships. Employee training raises awareness of unconscious bias and promotes understanding of diverse perspectives. Employee-led networks support women, LGBTQ+ employees and individuals with disabilities. Inclusive policies include flexible working conditions, parental leave and mental health resources. PTSB sets measurable diversity and inclusion goals and regularly reviews progress, creating a workplace where everyone feels valued and empowered.

www.ptsb.ie

Talbot Hotel Stillorgan

At Talbot Hotel Stillorgan, inclusion means creating a workplace where everyone has the opportunity to belong, contribute and build a career. Their 167 colleagues represent 26 nationalities, spanning generations, abilities and backgrounds. Two colleagues with Down syndrome have each been valued team members for more than 20 years. This commitment is supported by quarterly Town Halls where everyone can suggest workplace improvements, complimentary TalbotFit membership and an annual Wellbeing Day. Colleagues also celebrate their cultures through dishes from their home countries, creating opportunities to connect and feel comfortable being themselves.

www.talbothotelstillorgan.com

CATEGORY 05 / THE FINALISTS

Inclusive Employer of the Year Award

The Great Care Co-op

The Great Care Co-op (GCC) is a Dún Laoghaire-based home care provider supporting older and vulnerable adults to live independently at home. Ireland's first care worker cooperative, founded by migrant women, embeds equity and inclusion in its business model. Their carer-led Board ensures those delivering care directly shape strategy, pay structures and operational decisions. They employ Irish and migrant carers, creating fair, quality jobs with equal opportunities for professional development and leadership. Flexible working conditions support diverse living needs, while dignity, mutual respect and belonging underpin their approach to carers and clients.

www.thegreatcarecoop.ie

AWARD CATEGORY 06

Circular Economy & Sustainability Innovation Award

Recognising businesses advancing sustainability through innovation and circular economy practices that deliver measurable environmental and commercial benefits.

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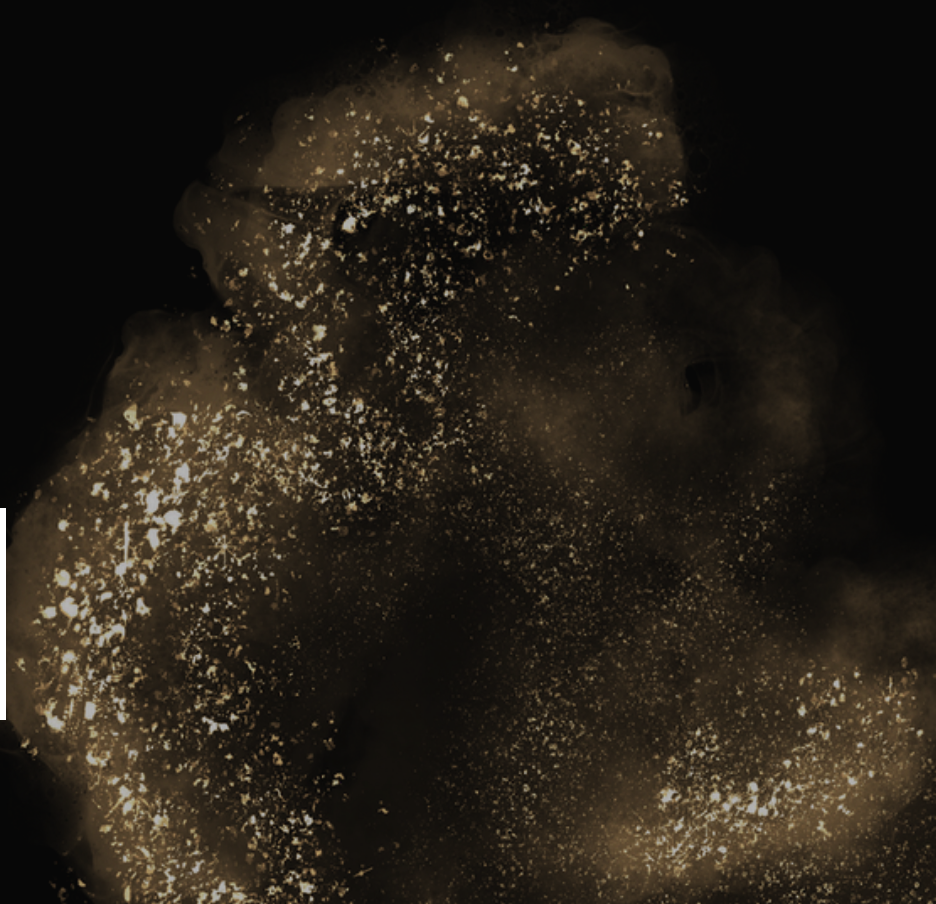

CATEGORY 06 / THE FINALISTS

Circular Economy & Sustainability Innovation Award

Airfield Estate

Airfield Estate has been measuring and reducing its environmental impact since 2020, with a long-term goal of becoming climate positive. Sustainability is embedded across their 38-acre working farm, gardens, buildings, restaurant and visitor operations. Their circular approach turns waste and resources into something useful: food and garden waste becomes digestate and compost, greywater is filtered through a reed bed system for reuse in restaurant toilets, and farm nutrients are recycled through slurry and manure. They also use renewable energy, conserve water and support organic farming and biodiversity, protecting the Estate for future generations.

www.airfield.ie

ASA Brands

ASA Brands is a family-owned Irish business established in 1985, helping organisations manage branded merchandise more responsibly. Their circular approach prioritises durable products and recycled and responsibly sourced materials, including rPET, organic cotton, bamboo and FSC-certified materials. To tackle overproduction, they offer inventory and non-inventory webstores, with the latter producing items only as needed. Managed fulfilment services and consolidated deliveries reduce environmental impact, while excess client stock is redirected to relief initiatives in Ukraine and schools in Africa. Sustainability is central to how they source, innovate and support their clients.

www.asabrands.ie

CATEGORY 06 / THE FINALISTS

Circular Economy & Sustainability Innovation Award

Lovely Things

Lovely Things is a circular children's lifestyle shop in Deansgrange, Blackrock, built around one simple idea: children's clothes should have more than one life. Through resale and consignment, they recirculate outgrown clothing, with an estimated 15,000 preloved, Irish-design and vintage garments sold since launching. Their 'Wonder Bundles' and clothing bundles keep more clothing in active use, with approximately 287 bundles sold. They also repair and upcycle where possible, reuse packaging and offer free in-store collection, while supporting Irish designers, small-batch makers and responsibly produced brands.

www.lovelythings.ie

Regeneration

Regeneration, School of Sustainable Projects, is a GPM Accredited Training Partner and CPD Approved Provider delivering the Certified Sustainable Project Professional qualification, built on the GPM P5 Global Standard. Their Pro Bono Lab offers an optional pathway for learners to deliver live sustainability projects for nonprofit partners, currently Siel Bleu Ireland, at no cost to the partner. Aspiring project professionals gain real experience and a portfolio piece, while nonprofits receive skilled project management capacity. Each cohort closes with a public Project Showcase, sharing completed projects and their outcomes with the wider community.

www.regeneration.ie

AWARD CATEGORY 07

Corporate Community Impact Award

Celebrating businesses that contribute to their communities through meaningful action and partnerships.

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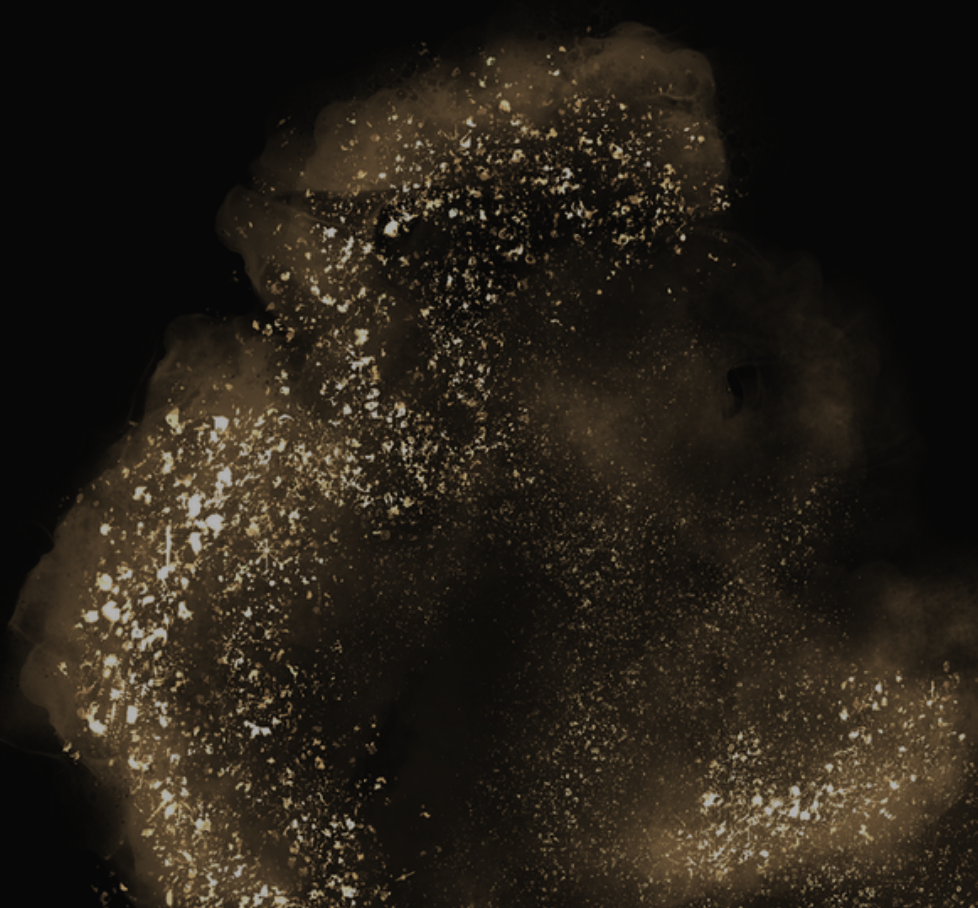

CATEGORY 07 / THE FINALISTS

Corporate Community Impact Award

Airfield Estate

Airfield Estate's GROW programme supports young adults with intellectual disabilities to develop skills, confidence and pathways into paid employment. Their partnership with Gather + Gather, which operates Overends Kitchen, combines Airfield's programme leadership, participant support and skills development with funding, hospitality expertise, mentoring and employment opportunities. Participants undertake supported placements across the farm, gardens, hospitality, visitor experience and estate operations. Gather + Gather offers experience in a commercial hospitality environment, with opportunities extending to other workplaces. The partnership follows a simple principle: real work in real environments can lead to real employment.

www.airfield.ie

APC and VLE Therapeutics

APC and VLE Therapeutics are Cherrywood-based pharmaceutical businesses working together to accelerate the delivery of critical therapies to patients. Their community impact is delivered through two employee-led Culture @ Cherrywood programmes: Be Responsible and Be Green. Be Responsible supports charities through fundraising and awareness campaigns and promotes STEM education through school visits, SciFest and teacher internships. Be Green drives community clean-ups, biodiversity, recycling and water conservation initiatives. Activities include the Killiney Beach Clean-Up and partnerships with Camara Education to repurpose IT equipment for schools in Africa, empowering employees to drive positive social and environmental change.

www.approcess.com

CATEGORY 07 / THE FINALISTS

Corporate Community Impact Award

Frascati Centre, Blackrock

The Frascati Centre, Blackrock became the first retail centre in Dublin to receive the Dementia Inclusive Community Friends of ASI accreditation. Their management team collaborated with The Alzheimer Society of Ireland's Community Engagement Team to educate and train store and Centre staff in recognising the behaviours and characteristics of customers living with dementia. Through practical training, staff learned how recognition and understanding can make a customer's experience entirely different. The initiative creates a warm, welcoming and secure environment for customers living with dementia and their families throughout their visits.

www.frascaticentre.ie

Knockfodda Enterprises Limited

At Brady's of Shankill, community involvement is a year-round commitment that has been part of their family-run business for generations. They support local charities, sports clubs, schools and community organisations through sponsorship, fundraising and practical support, providing premises, facilities, staff time and promotional reach. Their partnerships include St Joseph's Shankill, Shankill FC, Children in Hospital Ireland and Shankill Business Group, alongside Barretstown's Dublin Mountains Challenge. By hosting fundraising events and community gatherings, they actively participate, bring people together and use their position within Shankill to make a lasting contribution to community life.

www.bradysshankill.ie

CATEGORY 07 / THE FINALISTS

Corporate Community Impact Award

PTSB

PTSB supports communities through its branches in Stillorgan, Dún Laoghaire, Blackrock and Killiney. Their initiative centres on community engagement, local partnerships and charitable impact. They host networking events connecting businesses, entrepreneurs and community leaders, and support local sport through partnerships with Kilmacud Crokes GAA Club, Cabinteely GAA Club and the wider Dublin GAA community. Pop-up banking events bring financial guidance closer to customers. Colleagues also participate in local festivals and Tidy Towns initiatives and organise charity fundraising activities, including spinathons, creating a positive impact that extends well beyond banking.

www.ptsb.ie

AWARD CATEGORY 08

Professional Services Excellence Award

(Less Than 10 Employees)

Recognising small professional services teams delivering expertise, trusted relationships and client value.

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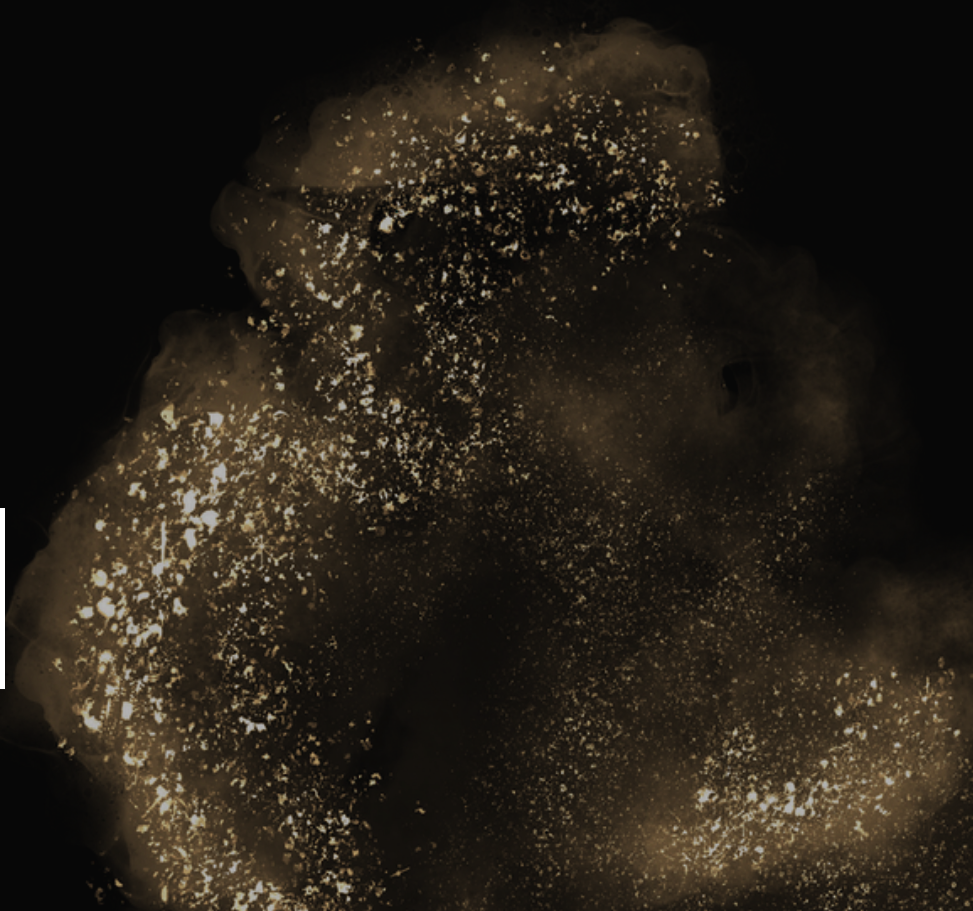

CATEGORY 08 / THE FINALISTS

Professional Services Excellence Award

(Less Than 10 Employees)

CFP Consultants

CFP Consultants is a boutique financial planning and advisory firm providing lifetime financial planning, pension, investment, protection and retirement advice to individuals, families and business owners. Their approach combines financial planning, cashflow modelling and technical expertise to help clients understand where they are today, make informed financial decisions and plan confidently for the future. They specialise in supporting clients through significant life and financial transitions, including retirement, redundancy, career change, family and estate planning.

www.lifecraft.ie

Designs For Growth Ltd

Designs for Growth is a strategy-led brand consultancy helping established service businesses build brands that reflect the businesses they have become and the ones they are building towards. Founded in 2017, the practice brings together brand strategy, brand identity and website design. They work with businesses whose positioning, messaging and visual presence have not kept pace with their evolving expertise or offer. Beginning with the business itself, they combine strategic thinking with creative execution, giving clients one partner from initial business questions through to the brand and website that bring the strategy to life.

www.designsforgrowth.ie

CATEGORY 08 / THE FINALISTS

Professional Services Excellence Award

(Less Than 10 Employees)

Dublin Cookery School Ltd

Dublin Cookery School offers over 200 courses for cooks of all abilities, from evening, day and one-week courses to a full-time four-week course. Their Growing Gourmets courses cater for teens and Transition Year students. With a Demo Kitchen, Hands-On Kitchen and intimate Dining Room, they welcome customers from across Ireland and internationally. They also host weekly corporate events, brand events, photo shoots and cultural food showcases, assisting companies and embassies to ensure their events run effortlessly. Their Friday Night Supper Club showcases Irish ingredients while bringing visitors and locals together.

www.dublincookeryschool.ie

Emma Slowe Entertainment

Emma Slowe Entertainment is an event and entertainment services company established in 2010, providing tailored services for corporate, community and private events throughout Ireland. Their offering includes event planning and coordination, entertainers, DJs, MCs, face painters, balloon artists, mascots and family games. They take time to understand each client's audience, objectives, venue and practical requirements, providing one point of contact from initial enquiry through to delivery. Supported by a trusted network of 36 experienced subcontractors, they manage teams and logistics to remove stress for organisers and create enjoyable experiences for attendees.

www.esce.ie

CATEGORY 08 / THE FINALISTS

Professional Services Excellence Award

(Less Than 10 Employees)

Lush Marketing Limited

Lush Marketing is an award-winning strategic marketing agency established in 2017 by founder and CEO Jill Lush. They provide practical, results-focused marketing expertise to start-ups, entrepreneurs, micro-enterprises, SMEs and public-sector organisations throughout Ireland. Their core service is outsourced marketing, working as an extension of clients' businesses to develop and implement strategies that support growth, strengthen their brand and generate measurable results. Services include strategic planning, brand development, social media, content creation, email marketing, PR and event marketing. They also provide business mentoring and practical marketing and digital training through Local Enterprise Offices and other enterprise organisations.

www.lushmarketing.ie

Made of Music Limited

Made of Music is an independent music education business based in Dún Laoghaire, established in 2021. They provide professional, personalised music tuition for children, teenagers and adults, with a focus on musical and personal development. Services include individual and duo tuition across a range of instruments, exam preparation, Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate support, and group programmes. Teachers track progress through weekly lesson notes, adapting tuition to each student's needs and goals. With over 180 students, they offer opportunities to perform, collaborate and build confidence within an inclusive music community.

www.madeofmusic.ie

CATEGORY 08 / THE FINALISTS

Professional Services Excellence Award

(Less Than 10 Employees)

Nomad

Nomad is a Dublin-based AI adoption practice working with owner-managed firms across engineering, construction, manufacturing and professional services. Their specialism is applied AI adoption rather than software resale. They provide operational audits identifying where AI belongs and where it does not, expert-led training delivered in person or live online, and custom systems built on their own framework. Model-agnostic, they recommend solutions suited to clients' existing systems and write each client's AI policy before deploying tools. They operate their own practice on the systems they sell, drawing advice from practice rather than theory.

www.nomad.sc

Patrycja Rogala Architect Ltd

PROGALA is a Dublin-based architectural and property consultancy led by architect Patrycja Rogala MRIAI. They provide architecture and design, planning, conservation, interiors, Building Regulations compliance, project delivery and professional property advice. The practice has delivered 295 architectural and professional commissions, around 148 within Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown. Their work ranges from home extensions and new-builds to historic buildings, commercial projects and complex planning matters. Clients benefit from direct access to experienced professionals and continuity throughout their commission, combining architectural creativity with technical and commercial understanding from initial consultation through to completion.

www.progala.ie

CATEGORY 08 / THE FINALISTS

Professional Services Excellence Award

(Less Than 10 Employees)

RM&CO 3E Accounting Limited

RM&CO 3E Accounting Limited provides accounting, bookkeeping, financial management and business advisory services to individuals, businesses and organisations. Their services include financial statements and management accounts, tax and compliance support, payroll, budgeting and financial reporting, alongside general business and financial advice. They work closely with clients to ensure financial records are accurate, compliant and up to date, providing practical guidance to support informed business decisions. Their approach is client-focused, professional and confidential, with an emphasis on accuracy, reliability and services tailored to each client's specific needs.

www.rmco.ie

The D4 Clinic

The D4 Clinic is a clinical hypnotherapy practice based in Blackrock, led by psychologist and hypnotherapist Jason O'Callaghan. Since 2012, the clinic has combined clinical hypnotherapy, counselling, CBT and mindfulness to help thousands of clients overcome anxiety, stress, phobias and unwanted habits, including smoking, vaping, overeating and nail biting. Services include in-clinic sessions, online appointments, VIP intensives and downloadable audio programmes. Jason holds an honours degree in psychology and a master's in applied psychology from Trinity College Dublin, alongside counselling and CBT qualifications from Maynooth University and IICP Dublin.

www.d4clinic.ie

AWARD CATEGORY 09

Professional Services Excellence Award

(Greater Than 10 Employees)

Celebrating professional services organisations delivering expertise, quality and meaningful outcomes for clients.

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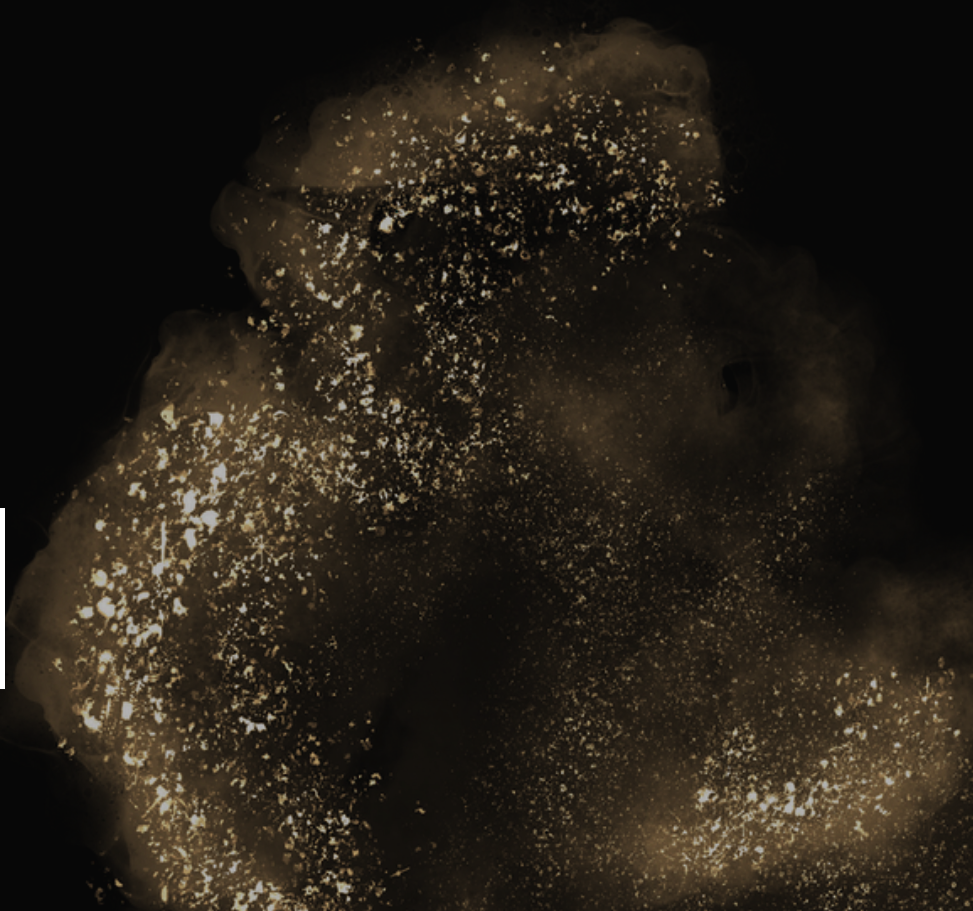

CATEGORY 09 / THE FINALISTS

Professional Services Excellence Award

(Greater Than 10 Employees)

ASA Brands

ASA Brands is a family-founded corporate merchandise and brand engagement consultancy with a team of over 10 professionals. They partner with enterprise clients to rethink corporate gifting, prioritising durable, ethically sourced merchandise that people genuinely value. Their services include strategic sourcing and advice, recommending useful, well-designed products with supply-chain traceability; ESG alignment, supporting client sustainability targets through gift strategies and impact reporting; and campaign and logistics management. From bespoke onboarding kits and custom design to global fulfilment, they pair creative strategy with supply-chain ethics, turning routine touchpoints into meaningful brand statements.

www.asabrands.ie

IndianVibe

Indian Vibe is an authentic Indian restaurant based in Dún Laoghaire, offering dine-in, takeaway, home delivery and catering for corporate events, private functions and special occasions. Their menu features traditional and contemporary Indian dishes, prepared by experienced chefs using fresh ingredients and authentic spices. They provide online ordering and customised menu options for group bookings, alongside customer support to ensure a seamless dining experience. Their approach centres on high-quality cuisine, exceptional customer service and a welcoming atmosphere, maintaining high standards of food safety, hygiene and consistent quality in every meal.

www.indianvibedublin.ie

CATEGORY 09 / THE FINALISTS

Professional Services Excellence Award

(Greater Than 10 Employees)

LHK Group

LHK Group is an Irish insurance and financial services firm established in 1938. With offices in Dundrum and Drogheda and almost 100 employees, they support individuals, families, business owners and organisations throughout Ireland. Their expertise spans commercial and personal insurance, pensions, investments, employee benefits, wealth management and mortgages. Clients benefit from specialists across multiple disciplines through a single trusted provider. They recently enhanced their employee benefits offering with health insurance advisory services. Their focus is helping clients make informed decisions, protect what matters most and achieve their long-term financial goals.

www.lhkgroup.ie



AWARD CATEGORY 10

Financial Services Excellence Award

Recognising financial services businesses that combine expertise, customer care and effective solutions.

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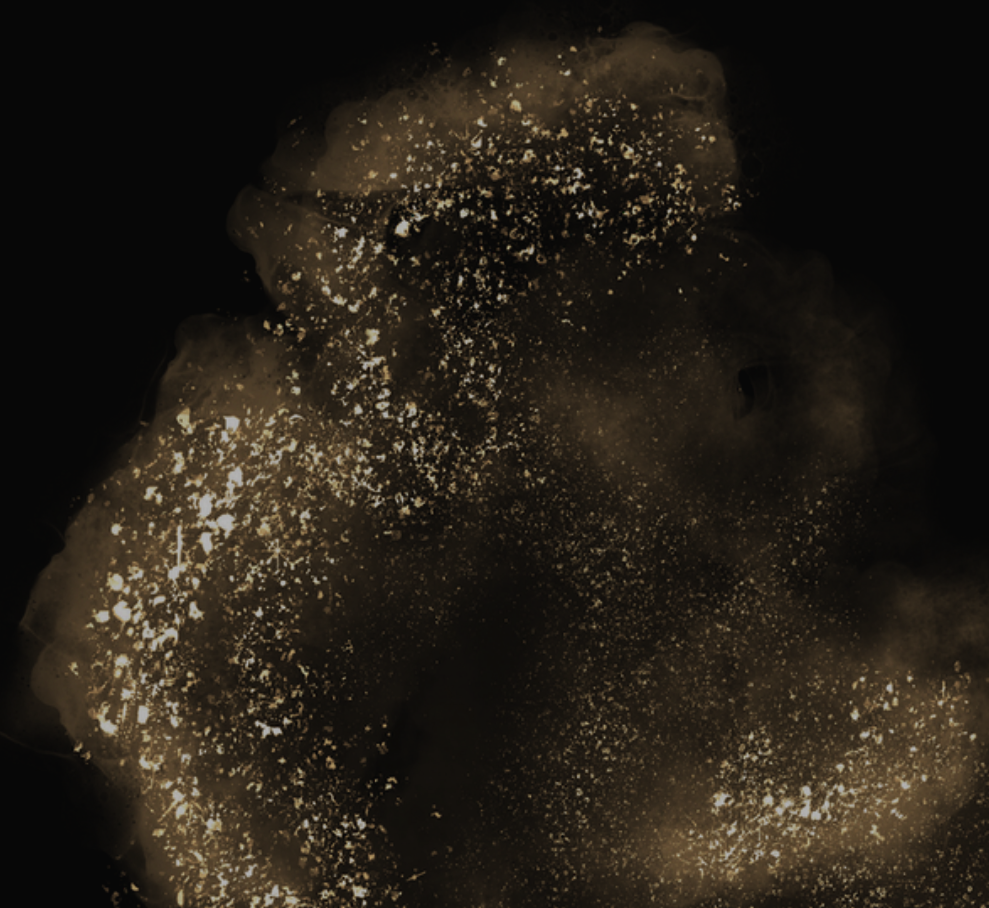

CATEGORY 10 / THE FINALISTS

Financial Services Excellence Award

CFP Consultants

CFP Consultants provides comprehensive financial planning and wealth advisory services to individuals, families and business owners. Their work includes lifetime financial planning, pensions, investments, protection, estate and succession planning, and retirement strategies. Planning comes before products: they start with the person, what matters to them and the life they want to live. Lifetime cashflow modelling explores different scenarios before recommendations or implementation. They support clients through significant transitions and collaborate with trusted specialists where appropriate. Cullen Financial Planning Limited t/a CFP Consultants is authorised and regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland.

www.lifecraft.ie

Core Credit Union

Core Credit Union is a member-owned financial cooperative serving South Dublin and East Wicklow, with a significant presence in Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown. Their services include savings, consumer lending, mortgages, current accounts, online banking, debit cards and practical financial guidance. Members can access support through branches, secure digital and telephone channels, with local decision-making and face-to-face assistance. As a not-for-profit cooperative, their purpose is to improve members' financial wellbeing rather than maximise shareholder returns. Responsible lending, clear communication and regulated governance underpin their services, with surplus supporting members and communities over the long term.

www.corecu.ie

CATEGORY 10 / THE FINALISTS

Financial Services Excellence Award

LHK Group

LHK Group is an Irish financial services and insurance advisory firm established in 1938, with advisers based in Dundrum and Drogheda. They provide expert advice across pensions, investments, retirement planning, wealth management, employee benefits, financial protection and mortgages. Individuals, families, employers and business owners benefit from specialist expertise and tailored advice reflecting their circumstances and goals. Their services support clients at every stage of life, from buying a first home to preparing for retirement. Digital tools, including online booking, mortgage calculators and educational resources, make financial advice more accessible.

www.lhkgroup.ie

PTSB

PTSB is one of Ireland's leading retail banks, providing current accounts, mortgages, personal loans, savings and deposit products, credit cards, insurance solutions and business banking services. They combine digital banking with personal support through their branch network and customer service teams. Built on trust, transparency and long-term relationships, their approach focuses on listening to customers and providing practical financial solutions. Ongoing investment in technology enhances the customer experience, while their commitment extends beyond banking through financial wellbeing initiatives, support for local organisations and sustainable practices in the communities they serve.

www.ptsb.ie

AWARD CATEGORY 11

Excellence in Tourism & Hospitality Award

Celebrating businesses creating memorable visitor experiences and contributing to the appeal of our county.

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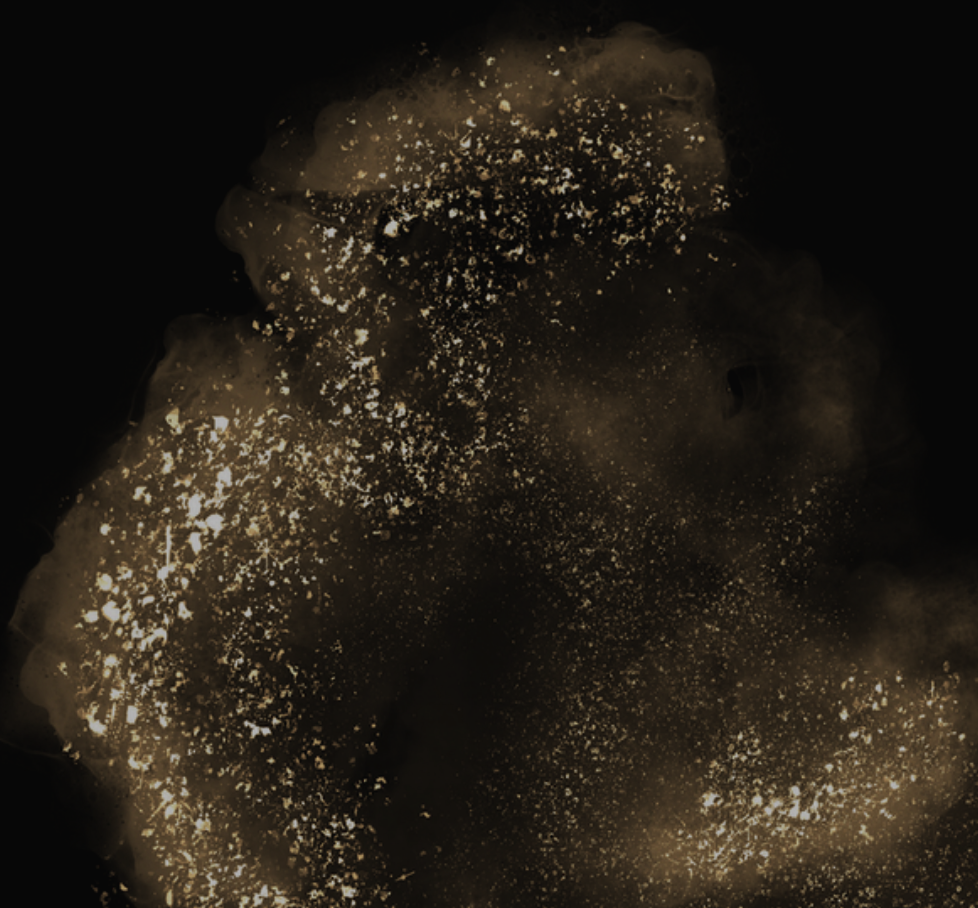

CATEGORY 11 / THE FINALISTS

Excellence in Tourism & Hospitality Award

Airfield Estate

Airfield Estate is a 38-acre working farm, historic estate, gardens and year-round visitor destination in Dundrum, bringing together food, farming, heritage, nature and hospitality. Gifted by sisters Letitia and Naomi Overend for education and recreation, their legacy continues to shape the experience today. Visitors can explore the house and gardens, meet farm animals, watch daily milking, taste fresh milk and enjoy farm-to-table food. The Estate welcomes families, schools and businesses, hosting weddings, corporate events and seasonal experiences, including its annual Harvest Festival. Their ambition is to become Dublin's Sustainable Food Hub.

www.airfield.ie

Barts Coffee Limited

Barts Coffee Bar is a neighbourhood café in Shankill, transformed from a small takeaway coffee hatch into a welcoming dine-in café. They offer breakfast, freshly baked pastries, homemade sweet treats, freshly prepared sandwiches and wraps, alongside quality coffee and a small retail off-licence. Their relaxed, friendly space welcomes local families, friends, walkers, runners and visitors. Themed evening events, including Wine & Cheese and Tapas Nights, combine food and wine with live music and a lively, social atmosphere. Friendly, personal service and a strong connection to Shankill remain at the heart of Barts.

https://www.instagram.com/bartscoffee_bar/?hl=en

CATEGORY 11 / THE FINALISTS

Excellence in Tourism & Hospitality Award

Clayton Hotel Leopardstown

Clayton Hotel Leopardstown is a modern four-star hotel in South Dublin, welcoming leisure, business and international guests. With 352 bedrooms, dining facilities and versatile meeting and event spaces, they provide a comfortable base for exploring Dublin and the surrounding region. Their location offers easy access to the city centre, Dublin Mountains, Wicklow and key visitor attractions. Genuine Irish hospitality and personal service underpin their approach, with a dedicated team creating positive experiences from reception through to dining, events and departure, encouraging guests to return and recommend the hotel to others.

https://www.claytonhotels.com/leopardstown

Dublin Cookery School Ltd

Dublin Cookery School offers over 200 courses for cooks of all abilities, attracting customers from across Ireland and internationally. Their evening, day, one-week and full-time four-week courses combine cookery with hospitality, with visitors often exploring Dublin and the surrounding area during their stay. Their Friday Night Supper Club showcases Irish ingredients while bringing international visitors and locals together. From their Demo Kitchen, Hands-On Kitchen and intimate Dining Room, they also host corporate events, brand events, photo shoots and cultural food showcases, supporting companies and embassies to ensure their events run effortlessly.

www.dublincookeryschool.ie

CATEGORY 11 / THE FINALISTS

Excellence in Tourism & Hospitality Award

Explorium Limited

Explorium is Ireland's National Sports & Science Centre in Sandyford, Dublin, offering an immersive, hands-on visitor experience. Their 112,000 sq. ft. centre features more than 250 interactive exhibits alongside climbing, VR, live science demonstrations, the Lightning Room, F1 Simulator and Robot Dogs. Junior Explorium provides dedicated experiences for younger visitors, while accessible facilities include a sensory space. Welcoming families, schools, tourists, groups and corporate visitors, they make science, sport and discovery exciting and accessible. Since fully reopening in 2024, they have continued investing in facilities, experiences, people and the customer journey.

www.explorium.ie

Irish National Sailing & Powerboat School

Irish National Sailing & Powerboat School provides marine tourism and leisure experiences from Dún Laoghaire's historic West Pier through INSS, Dublin Boat Tour and West Pier Wipeout. Their activities include sightseeing trips around Dublin Bay, private celebrations, corporate outings and River Liffey tours. Kayak, stand-up paddleboard and SECU powerboat rentals offer active ways to explore the harbour, with powerboat rentals available to appropriately qualified customers. West Pier Wipeout's inflatable waterpark provides a family-friendly summer attraction in the Coal Harbour. Their focus is on safe, welcoming and memorable experiences connecting locals and visitors with the water.

www.inss.ie

CATEGORY 11/ THE FINALISTS

Excellence in Tourism & Hospitality Award

Jaipur Dalkey

Jaipur Dalkey is a fine-dining Indian restaurant offering dinner six days a week and Sunday lunch, with indoor and outdoor dining when weather permits. Guests can also dine at home through collection and delivery via a third-party provider. Hospitality is at the heart of the Jaipur experience: guests are welcomed as they would be into a home. Their front-of-house and kitchen teams have built close relationships with guests and other local businesses across the community. Their aim is simple: to make guests feel welcome while enjoying authentic Indian dishes created with the best Irish produce.

www.dalkey.jaipur.ie

Levy Ireland

Levy Ireland is the official hospitality and food and beverage partner at Leopardstown Racecourse, delivering experiences across racedays, premium hospitality, conferences, corporate events and celebrations. Working closely with the racecourse team, they combine warm Irish hospitality, quality food and outstanding service. Their menus, hospitality concepts and guest experiences evolve to reflect changing expectations and welcome domestic and international visitors. Culinary expertise, operational excellence and event management support the entire guest journey, helping showcase Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown as a destination for racing, hospitality, business events and entertainment that encourages guests to return.

www.levy.ie

CATEGORY 11 / THE FINALISTS

Excellence in Tourism & Hospitality Award

Talbot Hotel Stillorgan

Talbot Hotel Stillorgan is a four-star hotel in Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown, combining business, leisure and event facilities with genuine Irish hospitality. Their 150-bedroom hotel offers accommodation, dining, TalbotFit health and fitness facilities, and conference and event spaces for up to 500 guests. Their 167 colleagues represent 26 nationalities, welcoming domestic and international visitors, families and corporate travellers. With convenient access to Dublin City Centre, the hotel provides a base for exploring Dún Laoghaire, Dalkey, Killiney, Dundrum and the coastline. Their aim is for every guest to feel welcomed, valued and cared for.

www.talbothotelstillorgan.com

The Eagle Glasthule

The Eagle is a gastro pub and community pub in Glasthule, combining quality food and drink with the warmth and atmosphere of a traditional local. Their welcoming front bar and bright conservatory accommodate family meals, group lunches, private gatherings and community occasions. Major sporting events and weekend live music bring people together, while their team also provides a comfortable, respectful space for families following funeral services. Proudly family-friendly, with dogs welcome in the front bar, The Eagle aims to make locals, families and visitors feel at home through every kind of occasion.

www.theeagle.ie

CATEGORY 11 / THE FINALISTS

Excellence in Tourism & Hospitality Award

The Golden Ball Kilternan

The Golden Ball is a family-run pub and restaurant in Kilternan, welcoming local families, walkers, cyclists, tourists and groups. Food is at the heart of their business, with menus offering something for everyone and supporting local suppliers where possible. Their characterful old building features cosy spaces, warm fires, wood-burning stoves and a traditional bar. The Green Room accommodates weddings, christenings, funerals, club events and community gatherings. Their aim is to provide good-quality food in relaxed surroundings, making local residents and first-time visitors feel equally at home.

www.thegoldenball.ie

The Queens Dalkey

The Queens is a landmark hospitality venue in Dalkey, combining quality food, drinks and genuine Irish hospitality in a historic building dating back to 1745. Following refurbishment and reopening in July 2025, they offer an all-day experience, from coffee and freshly baked goods at their in-house bakery, An Bacús, to lunch, dinner and live entertainment. Their outdoor terrace welcomes locals and visitors, while the Vico Room hosts Over 40s discos, comedy nights, private functions, community gatherings and charity events, connecting Dalkey's social heritage with a modern hospitality experience.

www.thequeensdalkey.ie

AWARD CATEGORY 12

Excellence in Sport & Leisure Award

Recognising organisations enriching lives through quality sport, leisure and recreation experiences.

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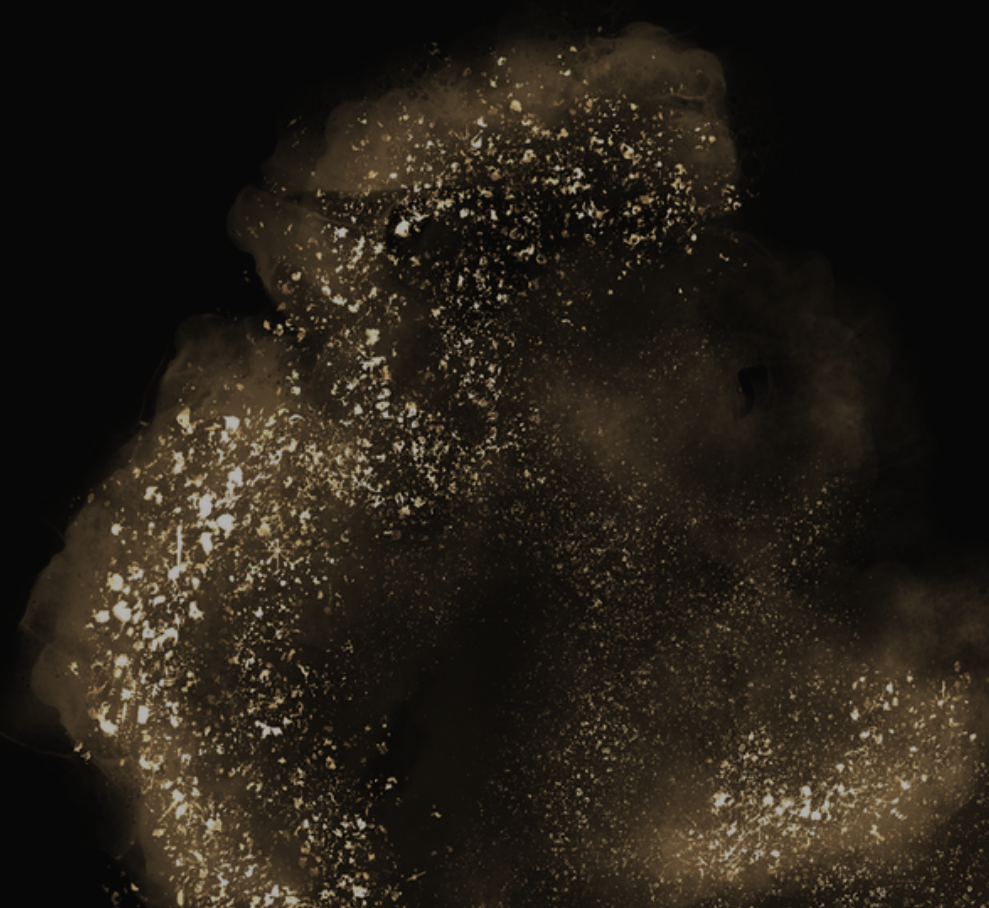

CATEGORY 12 / THE FINALISTS

Excellence in Sport & Leisure Award

Biking.ie

Biking.ie is an outdoor cycling and recreation business based at Ticknock National Mountain Bike Trail Centre in the Dublin Mountains. Established in 2007 by former international mountain bike competitors Tarja Owens and Niall Davis, they provide mountain bike and e-bike rental, guided cycling experiences, skills coaching, youth camps, school and corporate programmes, bike maintenance support and a Trails Café. Their trailhead location makes cycling accessible to visitors without suitable bikes or previous experience. Through professionally delivered activities and participation-focused events, they help first-time riders and experienced cyclists enjoy the outdoors and develop new skills.

www.biking.ie

Clayton Hotel Leopardstown

Clayton Hotel Leopardstown is a full-service hotel in South Dublin with a strong focus on supporting the sporting community. They provide accommodation, food and beverage services, meeting facilities and event spaces for individuals, groups, clubs and sporting organisations. Their location offers a convenient base for teams, athletes, coaches, officials and supporters attending competitions and sporting events across Dublin and the wider region. Facilities accommodate team gatherings, presentations, receptions and meetings, combining hospitality with sporting activities. Their aim is to provide a welcoming, professional and accessible environment that supports participation in sport.

www.claytonhotels.com/leopardstown

CATEGORY 12 / THE FINALISTS

Excellence in Sport & Leisure Award

Explorium Limited

Explorium is a sports and leisure destination in Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown, combining science, sport, technology, physical activity and play. Since fully reopening in May 2024, they have continued developing their offering, with more than 250 interactive science exhibits alongside climbing, VR, the F1 Full Motion Racing Simulator, Robot Dogs, physical challenges and the Lightning Room. Dedicated Junior experiences cater for younger children. Physical activity is integrated throughout the visitor journey, encouraging visitors to climb, move, balance, compete and experiment while learning about the science behind what they are doing.

www.explorium.ie

Glencullen Adventure Park The GAP

Glencullen Adventure Park provides mountain biking experiences with over 35 downhill trails and an uplift service. Open Wednesday to Sunday throughout the year, they cater for new and experienced riders, with safety measures supporting progression as riders develop their skills. In 2021, Leader funding enabled the construction of six new trails. They work with Cycling Ireland to provide coaching and offer periodic training for new and young riders. The park also features a pedal-up track and supports young riders from across the country, encouraging their talent and spirit of adventure.

www.thegap.ie

CATEGORY 12 / THE FINALISTS

Excellence in Sport & Leisure Award

Irish National Sailing and Powerboat School

The Irish National Sailing & Powerboat School (INSS) is a marine leisure, education and training centre on Dún Laoghaire's historic West Pier, established in 1978. They provide sailing, powerboating, kayaking, paddleboarding and rafting, alongside Dublin Boat Tour and West Pier Wipeout inflatable waterpark. Welcoming children, adults, families, schools and participants with additional accessibility requirements, they combine practical water skills with learning about marine ecology and responsible enjoyment of the coastline. Operating year-round, their courses range from beginner experiences to advanced qualifications and professional marine training, making the marine environment welcoming and accessible.

www.inss.ie

Leopardstown Racecourse

Leopardstown Racecourse is an international racing and entertainment venue established in 1888, with a long-standing place at the heart of Irish horse racing. Acquired by the Horse Racing Board of Ireland in 1967, it has developed into a flagship venue hosting prestigious meetings and attracting leading horses, jockeys and trainers from around the world. Beyond racing, Leopardstown is home to a Golf Centre, a busy driving range, McGuirks Golf shop, West Wood Gym and Super Social. Their facilities also accommodate non-raceday events, often welcoming 5,000–7,000 guests.

www.Leopardstown.com

CATEGORY 12 / THE FINALISTS

Excellence in Sport & Leisure Award

Prime Arena Holdings

Prime Arena is a proposed indoor sports arena at Cherrywood, Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown, designed to deliver Ireland's first permanent Olympic-standard indoor ice facility. Plans include two ice rinks: an 8,000-seat arena for a professional Dublin-based ice hockey team, convertible to a flat floor for other indoor sporting events, and a second rink for public use. Proposed activities include drop-in skating, lessons, and youth and recreational ice hockey. The development aims to support winter sports, elite athlete development and international tournaments, while creating sporting and leisure opportunities for the community.

www.primearenaholdings.com

Royal Irish Yacht Club

Royal Irish Yacht Club is a private members' yacht club focused on sailing, cruising and participation in regattas. They provide a welcoming environment for members to enjoy boating, develop sailing skills and participate in social and competitive activities on the water. Alongside their sailing programme, activities including Pilates, yoga, rowing and hill walking promote health, wellbeing and social connection throughout the year. Catering to a broad range of interests and abilities, the club encourages recreational and competitive participation, fostering camaraderie, active lifestyles and a strong sense of community.

www.riyc.clubhouseonline-e3.com

AWARD CATEGORY 13

Retail Excellence Award

Celebrating retailers who combine distinctive experiences, customer service and a strong contribution to local business.

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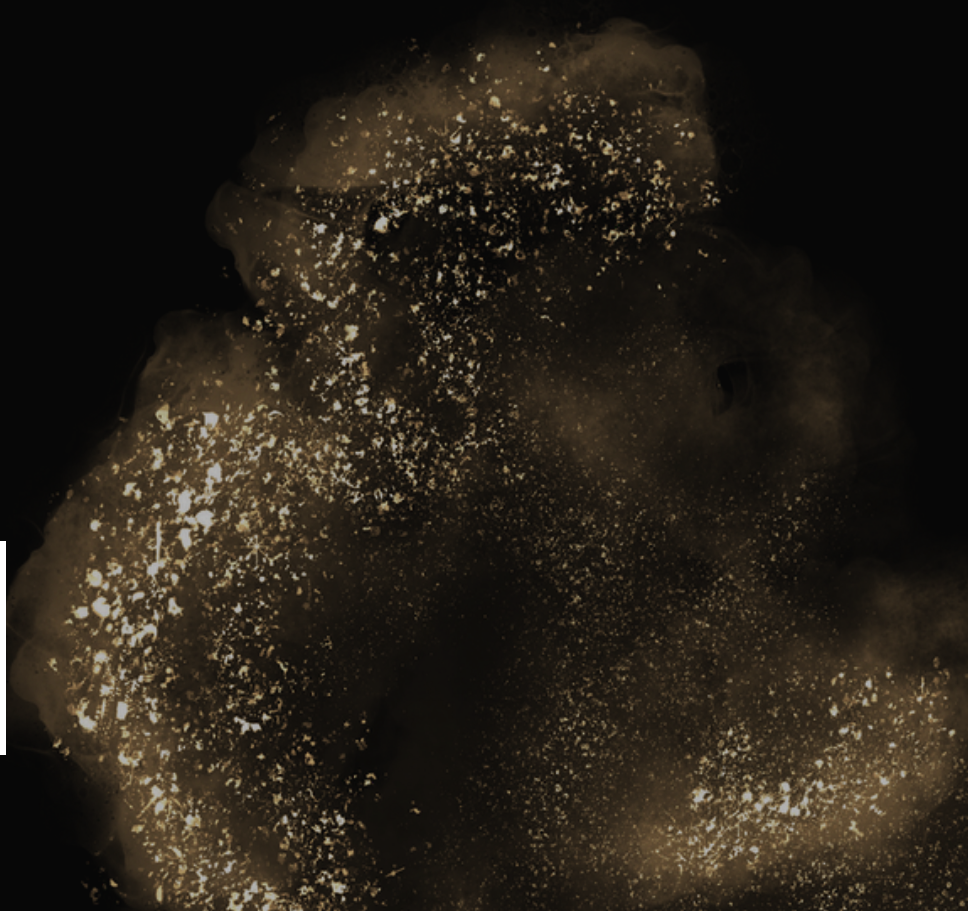

CATEGORY 13 / THE FINALISTS

Retail Excellence Award

Dundrum Town

Dundrum Town is a retail destination bringing together shopping, dining, leisure, culture and community since 2005. Their approach combines a strong retail mix with events and experiences that encourage visitors to stay and return. Relationships with retailers, customer experience and continuous improvement underpin their commitment to retail excellence. In their independent 2025 occupier survey, Dundrum Town achieved 93% overall satisfaction with the destination management team and an average rating of 4.5/5, ranking first among seven Hammerson destinations. Their purpose is to create a welcoming destination where retailers can thrive.

www.dundrum.ie

Mercedes-Benz South Dublin

Mercedes-Benz South Dublin is a long-established premium automotive retailer serving Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown and the wider Dublin community. They provide new and pre-owned vehicle sales, servicing, maintenance and parts, supporting customers throughout their ownership journey. Their Sales, Service and Parts teams work closely together, listening, communicating clearly and finding solutions to ensure customers feel welcomed, valued and looked after. Their focus extends to building lasting relationships and supporting their workforce. By investing in their people and fostering a positive, collaborative workplace culture, they aim to deliver an exceptional experience for every customer.

www.msl.ie/en/mercedes-benz/contact-us/south-dublin

CATEGORY 13 / THE FINALISTS

Retail Excellence Award

PTSB

PTSB's branch network across Stillorgan, Dún Laoghaire, Blackrock and Killiney combines relationship banking, financial expertise and modern digital services. They provide current accounts, savings, mortgages, personal lending and everyday banking support, with experienced teams helping individuals and families achieve their financial goals. Customers benefit from convenient self-service and online banking alongside personalised guidance from trusted local advisers. Accessible facilities, autism-friendly branch environments and initiatives supporting customers with additional needs reflect their commitment to inclusion. Together, these branches provide a welcoming, community-based banking experience that helps customers build financial confidence and long-term security.

www.ptsb.ie

The Zip Yard Dún Laoghaire

The Zip Yard Dún Laoghaire provides professional clothing alterations and repairs to the public and businesses from their main-street retail unit. Established in November 2009, their experienced seamstresses and tailors restyle, resize, mend and customise garments, from everyday clothing to bridal and formal wear. Services include on-site fitting rooms, pinning, a spacious consultation area and a one-hour express service. Their computerised system assigns collection dates, with text and email notifications sent after completion and quality checks. They have built a solid customer base, attracting repeat business from across greater Dublin and beyond.

www.thezipyard.ie/dunlaoghaire

AWARD CATEGORY 14

Destination & Placemaking Award

Recognising initiatives that strengthen the character, appeal and vitality of places across our county.

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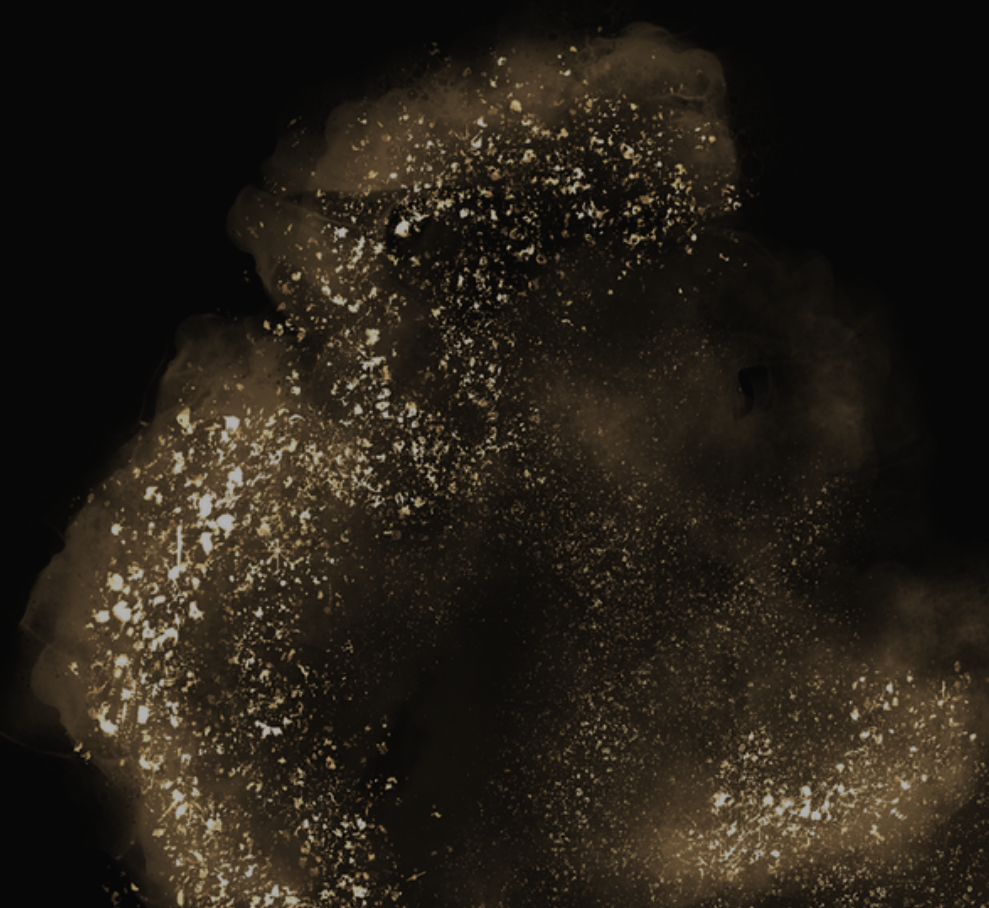

CATEGORY 14 / THE FINALISTS

Destination & Placemaking Award

Airfield Estate

Airfield Estate is a 38-acre working farm, heritage estate, community hub, Living Classroom and research institute in Dundrum. The Overend sisters' legacy lives on through the historic house, gardens, archive and working farm. More than 12,000 students experience their Living Classroom, while Breakfast Clubs, the Community Garden, GROW and Sprout support food literacy, community participation, work opportunities and accessibility. Their Youth Board helps shape the Estate's future, while university partnerships and three EU Horizon projects support research into sustainable food systems, connecting heritage, community and innovation within one living place.

www.airfield.ie

Changing Lives DLR

Changing Lives DLR is a place-based community fund targeting philanthropic support to respond to local needs in Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown. Their vision is to make DLR the best county in Ireland in which to be born, grow up and grow old. By connecting people with resources to communities needing support, they help create sustainable, more connected neighbourhoods and a sense of belonging. Operating as a Donor Advised Fund under Community Foundation Ireland, they are on target to have raised over €1 million by year end, supported by donors, volunteers and their Board.

www.changinglivesdlr.ie

CATEGORY 14 / THE FINALISTS

Destination & Placemaking Award

dlr Mill Theatre Dundrum

dlr Mill Theatre is a creative community hub in Dundrum Town Centre, bringing performing arts, education and community life into everyday public space. Since opening in May 2006, they have staged theatre, visual art, comedy, music and children's shows. Welcoming over 500 events and 12,000 students annually, their programmes include the Schools Shakespeare Festival and inclusive experiences for all ages. With a commitment to younger audiences and access to the arts, they create shared experiences, build local pride and help establish Dundrum as a destination where commerce and creativity flourish together.

www.milltheatre.ie

Dundrum Town

Dundrum Town was an official satellite destination for the 2026 St Patrick's Festival, hosting three days of free, family-friendly cultural entertainment from 14–16 March. Inspired by the theme 'Roots', the programme brought activity into public spaces, offering residents and visitors an accessible alternative to city-centre crowds. Delivered collaboratively with St Patrick's Festival, performers, cultural partners, retailers and food and beverage operators, the project created opportunities for people to gather, participate and experience culture locally, demonstrating how a retail and lifestyle destination can bring culture, community and commerce together.

www.dundrum.ie

CATEGORY 14 / THE FINALISTS

Destination & Placemaking Award

Explorium Limited

Explorium is Ireland's National Sports & Science Centre, a year-round visitor destination in Sandyford combining science, sport, technology, adventure and family entertainment. Since fully reopening in May 2024, they have continued developing their 112,000 sq. ft. facility, offering more than 250 interactive experiences alongside climbing, VR, Junior Explorium and live science demonstrations. Welcoming families, schools, groups and corporate visitors in all weather conditions, they help position Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown as a destination for science, innovation and family leisure. The project continues to evolve through new experiences, partnerships, events and improvements to the visitor journey.

www.explorium.ie

Prime Arena Holdings

Prime Arena is a proposed indoor sports, entertainment and events arena in Cherrywood, Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown. Plans include Ireland's first permanent Olympic-standard ice facility, supporting winter sports, public skating and elite athlete development, alongside international sporting fixtures, concerts and conferences. The arena and public plaza are projected to attract over three million visits annually, including 1.524 million visits to ticketed events and activities. Forecasts include over 67,500 international visitors, approximately 262,000 additional hotel bed nights and €351 million in annual economic impact, supporting hospitality and tourism businesses across the county.

www.primearenaholdings.com

CATEGORY 14 / THE FINALISTS

Destination & Placemaking Award

Sandyford Business District

Sandyford Business District's placemaking programme brings together public realm, mobility, green infrastructure, recreation, culture and technology to create a vibrant, sustainable destination. Initiatives include pocket parks, plazas, seating, table-tennis and chess facilities, alongside illuminated Sandyford lettering, murals and festive lighting. Landscaping, tree planting and biodiversity projects support greener spaces, while pedestrian and cycling improvements, micromobility hubs and EV charging encourage sustainable movement. Smart Sandyford, air-quality sensors and the Sandyford Digital Twin complement events, wellness activities and community programming, creating a more connected, active and people-centred district where people want to work, meet, spend time and live.

www.sandyford.ie

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