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Our welcome starts here: Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, and the special welcome



"When I think of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown as a place, I think of a sense of welcoming – people and places with a long, rich history of economic, environmental and cultural adaptability," Colin Brown, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Chamber, President and General Manager, Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire.

Welcome is one of the defining characteristics of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. It can be found in our towns and villages, our businesses and community organisations, and in the everyday interactions that make people feel they belong.

As President of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber, I have the privilege of meeting business owners, entrepreneurs, educators and community leaders who are helping to shape one of Ireland's most dynamic places to live and work. What stands out most is their shared commitment to collaboration and progress.

Our county is home to a thriving indigenous business community, world-leading multinationals, internationally recognised educational institutions and a vibrant cultural and tourism offering. Alongside our beautiful coastline and historic towns, what truly distinguishes us is our people, and their willingness to support one another and work together for the benefit of the wider community.

For businesses, this means strong networks, skilled talent and a supportive ecosystem. For residents, it means a place that invests in wellbeing, sustainability and opportunity. For visitors, it means a destination that combines heritage, hospitality and contemporary enterprise.

The Chamber helps these connections flourish. Working closely with local authorities, educational institutions and community partners, we bring together businesses of every size and sector to collaborate, advocate and grow.

As a hospitality professional, I know the importance of a genuine welcome. The success of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown is rooted not only in what we have achieved, but in how we make people feel when they arrive here.

Whether you are relocating your business, investing in the region or simply discovering all the county has to offer, on behalf of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber, I am delighted to welcome you, and I look forward to helping you become part of our continued success story.

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Welcome to The Forum: where Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown comes together



"The Forum is more than a name for this magazine. It is a promise that the Chamber will keep bringing people into the same room to shape the future of our county together."

Colette O'Sullivan, CEO, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the first edition of The Forum, a look back at a remarkable year for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber and our members.

We chose the name for a reason. On 30 October, the Chamber hosted a full day of discussion at the Royal Marine Hotel. In the morning, From Athens to Dún Laoghaire & Bangor brought together policymakers, business leaders and partners to talk about EU democracy, innovation and the blue economy. In the afternoon, our Sustainable Business Exchange turned that conversation into action, with panel discussions and room involvement where businesses, the Council and community partners worked through practical ideas for a lower-carbon county.

What struck me most was the energy in the room. People came from every sector, from small family businesses to multinationals, from local government to education, and from both sides of the border. They did not just listen. They contributed, challenged and connected. That is what a forum should be, and it is what this Chamber should be.

It has been a year of real progress. Between January and April, the Chamber delivered a record number of lobbying submissions, making us the fifth most active lobbying organisation in Ireland.

We launched the world-first Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Bespoke Locale Economic Report with Sunstone, giving us a clearer picture of our local economy than ever before.

Our Strategic MoU with Bangor Chamber of Commerce, and our presentation to the Oireachtas Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement, have strengthened our cross-border and UK relationships. Securing Shared Island Civic Funding in October 2026 will ensure the North South relationship will grow and thrive. And Dún Laoghaire town secured Purple Flag accreditation, recognising the quality of its evening and night-time economy, with other towns in the county now on the same path.

None of this happens alone. I want to thank our President, Colin Brown, our Board, our members and sponsors, and our partners in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Bangor Chamber and across the public and community sectors. Your support makes our advocacy credible and our ambitions achievable.

The Forum on 30th October showed us what is possible when we come together, and it will not be the last. In the year ahead, the Chamber plans to host more of these gatherings to discuss the county's priorities, including skills, infrastructure, sustainability, tourism and international connections in business.

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We are delighted to have our new business programme up and running, with myself and guest presenters. We want to reflect our dynamic diverse county of DLR

And we look forward to engaging with business, and promoting the best of DLR as the programme develops.

Aileen Eglington, Chair Dublin South FM









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A RECORD YEAR FOR DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN CHAMBER



EU PRESIDENCY FORUM · 30 OCT 2026

A remarkable year of advocacy, evidence and partnership - from record lobbying and a world-first economic report to a cross-border corridor with Bangor and Dún Laoghaire's first Purple Flag.

KEY 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

5th
most active lobbying organisation in Ireland, Jan–Apr

80+
policy and lobbying submissions

18,000
registered entities mapped in our economic report

2026–30
Bangor Chamber MoU signed in 2026

41
local stakeholders behind our Purple flag

90+
business leaders at the 2026 Awards launch

WHERE BUSINESS, IDEAS AND PEOPLE CONNECT

The Forum is where the Chamber's work comes together — a single editorial space linking advocacy, intelligence and community. Eight ways we delivered for members this year.

ADVOCACY	Record lobbying (5th in the country) and a ten-point Pre-Budget Submission 2027	p.24
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"Together, we can build a thriving, inclusive and sustainable Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown."

2026

Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown Bespoke Locale Report

A new lens on the local economy



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Prepared by Sunstone Technologies Ltd.

Comissioned by The Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown County Chamber of Commerce



Seeing Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown Differently: The Economic Intelligence Shaping Our County's Future

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Chamber Launches Landmark Economic Intelligence Report - delivered by Sunstone. A new economic intelligence initiative commissioned by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Chamber is providing a clear picture of the county and how our local economy works including where the opportunities for future growth lie.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown is home to one of Ireland's most dynamic, highly skilled and diverse local economies. But understanding the true scale and nature of that economy has not always been straightforward. Businesses are changing. Where and how people work is changing. Town centres are evolving. New sectors are emerging, while housing, infrastructure, skills, sustainability and the cost of doing business are increasingly shaping decisions about where companies invest and people choose to live and work.

A County of Scale, Skills and Enterprise

Against this backdrop, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Chamber commissioned the Bespoke Locale Report, developed by Sunstone, to build a much more detailed and current picture of economic activity across the county. Launched at Mercedes-Benz South Dublin, the initiative brings together business registration data, demographic and workforce analysis and live enterprise visibility mapping to provide an integrated view of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown's economic ecosystem. And the picture that emerges is significant.



The research identifies almost 18,000 registered entities and 12,000 plus visibly trading businesses across a county with a population of more than 233,000 people. But scale is only part of the story. DLR has an exceptionally highly educated workforce, with 61% of adults holding a third-level qualification. Some 63.5% of workers are employed in managerial, professional or associate-professional roles, underlining the concentration of skills and knowledge in the county.

The way people work is also changing considerably.

More than 19,500 residents work mainly from home, making home working the second-largest category in the county's work-location data, behind only travelling to work by car.

This has important implications for the local economy. Hybrid and remote working are changing how people interact with their local towns and villages, creating opportunities for local hospitality, retail, professional services, co-working, digital enterprise and the wider daytime economy. It also strengthens DLR's proposition as a location in which people can live, work, establish businesses and build careers.



From Data to Decision

The report is not intended to sit on a shelf. Its real value lies in how the intelligence can be used. The findings are already helping to identify opportunities and challenges around housing, childcare, town-centre activation, the evening and night-time economy, digital enterprise, sustainability, hybrid working and emerging cross-border economic collaboration.

A €2.5 Billion Sustainability Opportunity

One of the most striking opportunities identified through the research is the potential scale of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown's retrofit and sustainability economy.

€2.5 Billion



With a substantial proportion of the county's housing stock constructed before 2000, the report estimates a potential retrofit and sustainability market of approximately €2.5 billion.

That represents far more than a climate opportunity.

It has the potential to support local SMEs, construction and professional services, green technologies, skills development, employment and new business creation while contributing to Ireland's wider transition towards a lower-carbon economy.

Understanding opportunities such as this, at county level and in sufficient detail, is precisely why the Chamber believes better economic intelligence matters. It gives the Chamber a stronger evidence base when engaging with local and national government on the issues affecting businesses across Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

WORLD-FIRST ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE REPORT LAUNCH















For too long, important information about our local economy existed in fragmented silos. This report changes that. For the first time, we have an integrated overview that allows us to better understand where businesses are, how our economy is changing and where the opportunities and pressures are emerging.

“This is not simply about collecting data. It is about using evidence to strengthen our advocacy, inform better decisions and ensure that the voice of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown business is backed by a real understanding of what is happening on the ground.”

That evidence-led approach was welcomed by Minister Jack Chambers, who highlighted the importance of strong regional economies to Ireland’s competitiveness and resilience.

Jack Chambers, explains:

“Initiatives such as this demonstrate the value of evidence-led collaboration between business, local government and community stakeholders in shaping sustainable economic growth. Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown continues to play an important role in Ireland’s economic future.**”**

Seeing the Economy as It Really Is

A central element of the project is Sunstone’s Market Activity Profiling System (MAPs), which provides a live trading activity layer alongside traditional business and demographic information.
For Aisling Ní Mhuirí, Co-Founder of Sunstone, this addresses an important weakness in how local economies have traditionally been understood.

“The economy cannot be properly supported if it cannot be properly seen. Businesses evolve, but the data often does not catch up.

“For Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, this means seeing the county business by business, place by place and need by need. The value is in turning data into something useful for decision-making, identifying gaps, targeting supports and unlocking opportunities across DLR.”

That ability to understand not simply how many businesses exist, but what they are doing and where economic activity is taking place, has significant potential for future planning.

WORLD-FIRST ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE REPORT LAUNCH





Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown and Bangor Build a cross-border Economic Corridor

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber and Bangor Chamber of Commerce have signed a Strategic Memorandum of Understanding (2026–2030), formalised at the Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire, marking a significant step in strengthening economic collaboration and building a new Shared Island Economic Corridor across the island.

This partnership marks a significant step in strengthening economic collaboration across the island of Ireland. Formalised through a Strategic Memorandum of Understanding running from 2026 to 2030, it reflects a shared ambition between two coastal regions to build a more connected, resilient and sustainable regional economy.

At the heart of the initiative is the development of a Shared Island Economic Corridor, linking Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and Bangor as complementary coastal regions and creating a platform for collaboration across the blue economy, tourism and destination development, and sustainable enterprise and innovation. This is more than an agreement, it is a clear commitment to action and delivery.

The partnership is focused on practical, business-led outcomes. It sets out a clear pathway for cross-border trade and business engagement.

Ensuring real opportunities for businesses on both sides of the border it connects, grows and nurtures cross-border collaboration.

Key areas of delivery include innovation and entrepreneurship programmes, skills development and youth initiatives, sustainable development and place-making, and cultural and community collaboration. The initiative is supported by a wide range of public sector and regional stakeholders on both sides of the border, reflecting its strategic importance. It aligns with wider national priorities, including the Shared Island Initiative, and demonstrates the value of collaboration between business communities and public sector partners.

The MoU was formally launched at the Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire, with speakers from North and South voicing strong support for this first-of-its-kind, strategic economic corridor on the island of Ireland.



This partnership begins between two Chambers but is designed to grow. There is strong potential to expand into a broader, multi-stakeholder collaboration, scaling impact and strengthening economic links across the island. The next phase is focused on delivery, building connections, supporting enterprise, and turning ambition into action.

"This is exactly the kind of practical, forward-looking collaboration that strengthens relationships across the island. Initiatives like this support both economic development and deeper connections in the spirit of the Good Friday Agreement."
- **Cormac Devlin TD, Chair, Oireachtas Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement**

"This agreement reflects the ambition of our Chamber to play a leading role in shaping cross-border economic collaboration. It creates a strong foundation for long-term growth, particularly in areas such as the blue economy and sustainable development."
- **Colin Brown, President, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Chamber of Commerce**

"This is a landmark moment for our Chamber and our members. Through this partnership, we are opening up real opportunities for businesses to connect, expand, and collaborate across borders, while contributing to a more resilient and sustainable regional economy."
- **Colette O'Sullivan, CEO, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Chamber of Commerce**

"This partnership represents a significant opportunity to strengthen economic ties across the island. By working closely with colleagues in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, we are creating new pathways for collaboration, innovation, and growth that will directly benefit our business communities."
- **Frank Shivers, President, Bangor Chamber of Commerce**

"This initiative reflects the spirit of cooperation that underpins the Shared Island approach. It is about building relationships and creating opportunities for communities across the island."
Jim Gildea, an Cathaoirleach, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council (An Cathaoirleach represented here by Lorraine Hall)



Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber and Bangor Chamber of Commerce sign the Shared Island Economic Partnership MoU at the Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire. Photo: Michael Chester.

"This kind of collaboration highlights the value of strong connections between business communities across the island. There is significant potential to align enterprise development with wider regional and sustainability objectives."

Frank Curran, Chief Executive, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

"The concept of an economic corridor linking coastal regions is a compelling one. It presents opportunities to support innovation, enterprise, and sustainable growth in a very practical way."

John O'Toole, Head of Economic Development, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

"The Memorandum of Understanding was launched with strong backing from the public sector on both sides of the border. Political and civic leaders from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, alongside Cormac Devlin TD, Chair of the Oireachtas Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement, voiced their support for what speakers described as a first-of-its-kind, innovative, strategic economic corridor for the island. Their presence reflected the scale of ambition behind the partnership, connecting business, local government and national policy behind a single, shared vision for cross-border economic growth.



Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber and Bangor Chamber of Commerce sign the Shared Island Economic Partnership MoU at the Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire. Photo: Michael Chester.

The launch brought together a wide circle of supporters from across both regions. Also joining the Chambers on the day were Alison Blayney B.E.M., Glyn Roberts, Nicola Dorrian, Audrey Stenson of IADT Dún Laoghaire, Pat Neill of Dundrum Town Centre, Tim Ryan and Laura Jackson, together with Councillors Justin Moylan, Thomas Joseph and Tom Kivlehan. Their attendance underlined the breadth of interest in the partnership, spanning business, education, retail and local government, and reflected a shared, cross-community endeavour rather than a project owned by any one organisation.

This partnership is grounded in collaboration, but driven by ambition. Having moved from strategy to formal agreement, the focus now shifts to delivery - turning the Shared Island Economic Corridor from a shared vision into a working reality for businesses on both sides of the border.



Over the period to 2030, the Chambers will work together to build connections, deliver initiatives, and translate this ambition into measurable impact for their members and communities. The opportunity is significant, and so, both Chambers say, is their shared commitment to making it happen.



Strategic Policy Agenda: Turning Cooperation into Delivery

Scaling Cross-Border Opportunity Across the Island

The joint work of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber and Bangor Chamber of Commerce is focused on one clear objective: turning cross-border cooperation into practical delivery. Businesses across both regions are already operating on an all-island basis: trading, employing talent, and building partnerships that extend beyond jurisdictional boundaries. The opportunity now is to ensure that policy, infrastructure, and investment frameworks support and scale this activity. Through coordinated advocacy, joint initiatives, and sustained engagement with stakeholders, both Chambers are working to move from cooperation in principle to cooperation in practice ensuring that what already exists can grow, strengthen, and deliver long-term economic impact

At the time of our joint presentation to the Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement, the economic relationship between North and South was already deeply interconnected. Businesses across both regions were collaborating daily - often ahead of policy and systems designed to support them.

From Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, one of Ireland's most globally connected economic regions, and Bangor, a key gateway to Northern Ireland's enterprise base, there is clear evidence of an all-island economy in practice. Companies are working with cross-border suppliers and clients, employing talent that moves fluidly across the island, and partnerships rooted in shared opportunity.

Both Chambers are actively working to translate business experience into practical, outcomes-focused action. Through ongoing engagement with members, government, and cross-border stakeholders, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber and Bangor Chamber are advancing solutions that improve how businesses operate across the island.

This includes strengthening links between enterprise networks, supporting collaborative initiatives, and identifying priority areas for investment in infrastructure and connectivity. A consistent message has emerged through this work: the barriers facing businesses are not political - they are practical.

By focusing on removing friction in systems, improving access, and aligning supports with how businesses actually operate, both Chambers are ensuring that cross-border cooperation is not only recognised - but actively enabled, strengthened, and scaled.

Across both regions, cooperation is already delivering results. Businesses are building partnerships, sharing talent, and expanding activity across borders as part of their day-to-day operations. The role of both Chambers is to ensure this momentum is not lost - but built upon.









Setting the Direction for Strategic Delivery

Engagement with members and stakeholders across both regions has helped shape a clear set of shared priorities for the next phase of cross-border cooperation. These priorities reflect real business experience and are grounded in how companies are already operating across the island.

What is now required is a shift from ambition to implementation, aligning policy, investment, and infrastructure with the realities of an integrated economy.

Both Chambers are working in partnership to advance this agenda, ensuring that cooperation is supported by practical frameworks that enable businesses to operate more efficiently, connect more easily, and grow with greater certainty across jurisdictions.

Exploring the way forward

The Good Friday Agreement established the foundation for cooperation across the island of Ireland. What is now emerging is a new phase, one driven increasingly by business, shaped by relationships, and defined by shared economic opportunity.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber and Bangor Chamber are actively supporting this evolution by strengthening collaboration between networks, facilitating engagement between members, and advancing initiatives that connect enterprise ecosystems North and South.

From Priorities to Action

Realising the full potential of cross-border cooperation requires a clear and coordinated focus on delivery. Both Chambers are aligned in advancing practical priorities that support business-led growth across the island.

This includes strengthening collaboration between Chambers and enterprise networks, investing in shared innovation and partnership programmes, and ensuring that funding is accessible to SMEs as well as larger initiatives.

Improving east coast connectivity, particularly along the Dublin–Bangor corridor, remains a key strategic priority, alongside broader investment in infrastructure that supports access, mobility, and reliability.

Through continued engagement with government and stakeholders, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber and Bangor Chamber are working to ensure that ambition is matched by action, creating the conditions for sustained and scalable economic cooperation.

"We are not starting from zero. What is needed now is scale, structure and support."

"When connections work, partnerships grow."

By supporting joint initiatives and promoting investment in connectivity and innovation, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber and Bangor Chamber are working to move from isolated examples to a joined-up scalable model of cross-border growth.

The focus is clear: build on what works and remove what doesn't.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber

PRE-BUDGET SUBMISSION 2027

A STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL TO GOVERNMENT

Building Ireland's most competitive county — ten chapters to accelerate housing delivery, strengthen enterprise, revitalise places and demonstrate a new model of collaborative economic development.



SUMMARY

The ten economic priority asks, in one place

A single reference for Budget 2027 officials to carry each recommendation forward.

1 — Enabling Infrastructure
Fund transport, water, energy and digital infrastructure at Cherrywood, Dundrum Central and Woodbrook to unlock 13,700+ planned homes.

2 — Blue Economy
Recognise Dún Laoghaire Harbour as a nationally significant Blue Economy asset and support its development through a coordinated, cross-agency investment programme.

3 — Enterprise and SME Productivity
Target productivity, innovation and resilience supports towards the 1,160 trading SMEs identified as showing financial stress.

4 — Thriving Towns
Provide flexible, multiannual place-based funding tailored to the distinct economic needs of DLR's towns, villages and commercial centres.

5 — Demonstration County
Recognise DLR as a national demonstration county for partnership-led economic development across Government, agencies and local partners.

6 — Local Economic Intelligence
Use DLR to pilot a national model for place-based economic intelligence, building on the methodology and findings of the Chamber's Bespoke Locale Report.

7 — SME Digital Transformation
Practical support for AI, automation and digital adoption helps SMEs move from digital presence to digital productivity.

8 — Shared Island Corridor
Resource the existing DLR–Bangor partnership to develop a Shared Island East Coast Economic Corridor spanning trade, maritime, skills, tourism and enterprise cooperation.

9 — Tourism and Visitor Experience Infrastructure
Invest in visitor experience and destination infrastructure across DLR, connecting the county's coastal, cultural, heritage, sporting, leisure and hospitality assets into a stronger year-round destination.

10 — Evening and Night-Time Economy
Fund a county-wide Purple Flag learning programme, applying Dún Laoghaire's partnership-led stewardship experience across DLR town centres.



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Ireland's First Dementia-Inclusive County

Alzheimer Training helps Dún Laoghaire Rathdown employers build Ireland's journey towards dementia-inclusive communities



Last November 2025, The Alzheimer Society of Ireland (The ASI) in partnership with Frascati Centre, launched Dublin's first dementia-inclusive shopping centre. Jack Chambers T.D., Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, officiated the launch, marking a significant milestone in the ASI's mission to make Ireland's towns and cities more inclusive.

As part of the initiative, Frascati Centre completed ASI workshops on dementia awareness, communication strategies, and creating supportive environments for people living with dementia and their families. Frascati Centre is now the first in Dublin to earn ASI's dementia-inclusive community friends accreditation.

Minister Jack Chambers, Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation said:

"At the heart of this initiative is a simple but powerful idea: that everyone deserves to feel welcome, understood and supported where we live, shop and connect with our local community. The Government remains deeply committed to helping people live well with dementia, and creating inclusive, compassionate spaces like this is a vital part of that commitment. When communities come together to make everyday environments accessible, we nurture a culture of care, dignity and belonging for all."

Ireland's First Dementia-Inclusive County



The dementia-inclusive shopping centre initiative is part of the ASI's "Friends of ASI programme" which encourages individuals, businesses and services to help create communities that are supportive, and inclusive for people with dementia and their families. Staff at the Frascati Centre were workshopped to help create meaningful shopping experiences for people with disabilities while strengthening organisational capacity to attract and support shoppers with extra needs.

Head of Operations and Community Engagement at the ASI, Siobhan O'Connor, said: 'We hope other shopping centres will follow Frascati Centre's shining example and help build a society where people with dementia and their families can live with dignity, understanding and compassion."

Promoted by the DLR County Chamber of Commerce and its ongoing programme to help employers across Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown build more inclusive workplaces for employees and customers who need extra consideration please visit **alzheimer.ie** or email **friendsofasi@alzheimer.ie** for more details.

ASI has also delivered the workshop to staff at The Royal Marine Hotel in Dún Laoghaire town. Colin Brown, General Marine Manager said: "At The Royal Marine, our visitor well-being is a key priority and this valuable training has helped the team to continue to create meaningful experiences for people with disabilities while supporting those with extra needs."

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Alzheimer's Memory Walk

Alzheimer Training helps Dún Laoghaire Rathdown employers build Ireland's journey towards dementia-inclusive communities

Memory Walk took place on 20th September 2026



This World Alzheimer's Day, thousands of feet hit the ground for one powerful reason — to walk for memories, for awareness, and for a future without dementia.

Alzheimer's Memory Walk supported by Aviva took place on Sunday, September 20th. People came together in locations across the country to remember and honour those living with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia - and the families who stand beside them every step of the way.

Why Walk?

Because every step tells a story. A story of love, courage, and hope. With over 64,000 people living with dementia in Ireland, and numbers expected to double by 2045, your support has never been more vital.

EVENT DETAILS

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Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Chamber President's Lunch 2026

The President's Lunch is one of the highlights of the Chamber calendar, bringing together business leaders, members, key stakeholders and invited guests from across Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and beyond.



Hosted by the Chamber President, the event provided an important opportunity to bring the business community together, strengthen relationships and reflect on the opportunities and challenges facing businesses across the county. From established employers and entrepreneurs to representatives from the public and community sectors, the breadth of those attending reflected the diversity and strength of the local economy.

The event also provided an opportunity to recognise the contribution made by Chamber members throughout the year.

Their businesses create employment, provide essential services, support local initiatives and contribute enormously to the economic and civic life of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

The Chamber extends its sincere thanks to everyone who attended, and particularly to the partners and supporters who helped make the occasion possible. The President's Lunch demonstrated once again the value of bringing people together - not simply to network, but to strengthen the relationships and shared ambition that will help shape the future of business in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

A Vision for Dún Laoghaire's Future in 2026

"We were delighted to welcome Minister of State for European Affairs and Defence, Thomas Byrne TD, to the President's Lunch, providing a timely opportunity for our business community to engage on Ireland's European priorities, competitiveness and the opportunities arising from Ireland's EU Presidency."

– Colin Brown, President, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Chamber of Commerce

"Having Minister Thomas Byrne join us for our President's Lunch was a wonderful opportunity for our members to engage directly with Government and to ensure the voice of the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown business community is part of the wider national and European conversation. Our businesses are ambitious, innovative and outward-looking, and occasions like this allow us to strengthen the relationships that will help them grow, invest and create opportunities into the future."

— Colette O'Sullivan, CEO, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber











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A VISION FOR DÚN LAOGHAIRE - RATHDOWN'S FUTURE

"Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown is home to a dynamic and outward-looking business community, with companies and entrepreneurs making an important contribution to our economy. I was delighted to join Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber for the President's Lunch and to hear directly from its members about their ambitions and priorities. Strong engagement between Government and the business community is particularly important as we look to Ireland's role in Europe and the opportunities ahead."

— Thomas Byrne TD, Minister of State for European Affairs and Defence



Took Place On

29th January 2026

St.Helen's Hotel Dublin

#DLRPresidentLunch

PRIME ARENA HOLDINGS

We are Prime Arena Holdings, a visionary team committed to transforming, Ireland's sports and entertainment landscape.

Working collaboratively with local and national stakeholders, Prime Arena Holdings will establish a landmark arena that enriches Ireland's sporting and cultural landscape, while delivering significant local economic growth and wider societal benefits.

Inspired by the North American entertainment experience, Prime Arena Holdings is creating a multipurpose venue that will host sporting, artistic and conference events. With facilities including Ireland's only Olympic sized ice rinks and configurable seating, the Arena will attract major international events and bring world class entertainment to Dublin.

The Arena will become home to the Republic of Ireland's first professional ice hockey franchise, competing in professional UK and European competitions. Inspired by the successful model of the Belfast Giants in Northern Ireland, Prime Arena Holdings has agreements already in place with the relevant professional leagues and competitions.

The Prime Arena Holdings team brings unparalleled experience across sport, broadcasting, concerts and events. This unique combination will make the Arena an epicentre for new events in Ireland, with new sports and concerts guaranteed from day one of launch.

Prime Arena Holdings is not simply building a venue. It is creating a new national platform for sport, culture, community and economic ambition. From grassroots participation to global entertainment, the Arena will inspire excellence and showcase Ireland on the international stage.

Prime Arena will become a catalyst for opportunity. By combining world class facilities with year round programming, the Arena will inspire participation, attract international investment, create employment and strengthen Ireland's reputation as a destination capable of hosting events of global significance, while enriching the lives of local communities.



THE EXPERIENCE

- MULTI-PURPOSE ARENA DEVELOPMENT
- OLYMPIC ICE SPORTS FACILITIES
- INTERNATIONAL LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- CONFERENCE & CORPORATE EVENTS
- COMMUNITY & GRASSROOTS SPORT
- TOURISM AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

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Delivering a state-of-the-art multi-purpose arena for sports, culture, and major events.

WINTER SPORT Ireland's first permanent Olympic-sized ice facilities.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Concerts, cultural events and major touring productions.

CONFERENCES A flexible venue for business, exhibitions and events.

EDUCATION Schools, clubs, training pathways and community access.

COMMUNITY A year-round destination for local participation.

TOURISM A landmark attraction supporting visitors and economic growth.

Bringing a dynamic, multi-purpose indoor arena for sports and culture to Dublin



PRIME ARENA HOLDINGS

BUILDING IRELAND'S NEXT LANDMARK DESTINATION

ABOUT PRIME ARENA

Prime Arena Holdings is developing a world-class multi-purpose arena in Cherrywood, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown - Ireland's next landmark destination for sport, entertainment, concerts, conferences and community access.

KEY INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

€250M Investment
2 Olympic Ice Rinks
8,000 seated / 10,500 including standing Event Capacity
365 Days of Activity

THE VISION A landmark arena for Ireland
THE DEVELOPMENT Cherrywood, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown
THE OPPORTUNITY Sport · Entertainment · Conferences · Community
FROM VISION TO REALITY Winter Sport · Live Entertainment · Indoor Sport · Tourism Impact

International Women's Day Lunch 2026

Leadership, inspiration and community spirit took centre stage as DLR Chamber celebrated International Women's Day 2026 at Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel, in partnership with Local Enterprise Office DLR, embracing the theme "Give to Gain".

Opened by outgoing Chamber President Jill Lush, with an address from An Cathaoirleach Cllr Jim Gildea, the event welcomed an exceptional line-up of speakers, including Minister for Health Jennifer Carroll MacNeill TD, Cathy Reynolds of The Alzheimer Society of Ireland, and award-winning speaker and author Carol O'Kelly.

More than a celebration, the afternoon showcased the power of collective action, highlighting the Chamber's partnership with The Alzheimer Society of Ireland and their shared ambition to make Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown Ireland's first Dementia-Inclusive County.

The celebrations ended in style with a vibrant fashion show organised by Frascati Centre, introduced by Viv Gaine, and featuring designs by Ngozi Murphy of House of Abia.

Special thanks to Local Enterprise Office DLR, RBK Chartered Accountants, Frascati Centre, Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel and all raffle sponsors for supporting a memorable afternoon of connection, celebration and positive community impact.

International Women's Day Lunch 2026

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Cross-border partner

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber hosted the "From Athens to Dún Laoghaire: EU Democracy, Innovation and Blue Economy Forum," a flagship EU Presidency event at the Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire on October 30th. Marking Ireland's 2026 EU Presidency, this blue economy initiative united Athens, Dún Laoghaire, and Bangor around Blue Economy opportunities, democracy, and innovation, with sessions for businesses delivered in partnership with Irish Government departments and the EU's Communicating Europe Initiative.

TIMMY DOOLEY TD
MINISTER OF STATE
WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MARINE

"A welcome example of how we can translate our maritime ambitions into practical action."

On the Chamber's proposal for a Maritime Academy in Dún Laoghaire





DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN 2026 EU PRESIDENCY FORUM

From Athens to Dún Laoghaire & Bangor

EU Democracy, Innovation and Blue Economy Forum

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AN CATHAOIRLEACH CLLR BARRY SAUL
DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

"On behalf of the people of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, it was my privilege as Cathaoirleach to officially open this Forum and to welcome our friends from Athens and Bangor, and all our guests from home and abroad to our county during Ireland's Presidency of the European Union."

Welcoming Ambassadors, dignitaries and delegations to Dún Laoghaire Rathdown

FRANK CURRAN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE
DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

"We were delighted to co-host this morning with the Chamber. We have a working harbour right at the heart of the town, and our job is to make sure it earns its keep, for marine leisure, for tourism, for events and for new opportunities in the blue economy. To move things on, we have to work in partnership, and the Chamber of Commerce is a trusted partner in that work."

On Dún Laoghaire Harbour, the Council and partnership with DLR Chamber



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H.E. GEORGIOS STILIANOPOULOS
AMBASSADOR OF GREECE TO IRELAND

"The sea has always been a bridge between Greece and Ireland. Let us use that bridge not only to exchange knowledge and experience, but also to encourage innovation, create opportunities and upskill our young people."

On innovation, partnership and maritime mobility opportunities in education







COLETTE O'SULLIVAN
CEO, DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

"Friday October 30th showed what happens when Europe comes to the heart of a community."

On bringing Europe to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown

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CORMAC DEVLIN TD, DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN
CHAIR OF THE OIREACHTAS COMMITTEE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOOD FRIDAY AGREEMENT

"Businesses in Bangor and Dún Laoghaire face the same questions on energy, skills and taking the first step. The Shared Island Corridor lets them answer those questions together. When two towns build real relationships, business to business and person to person, they move forward together."

On the new Shared Island economic corridor





FRANK SHIVERS
PRESIDENT
BANGOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

"Bangor and Dún Laoghaire are towns with the same ambitions, and every time our businesses get together we find more we can learn from each other and more we can do side by side."

On working together on Shared Island initiatives

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BARRY ANDREWS
MEMBER EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (MEP)

"Here in Dún Laoghaire, as in Bangor and Athens, our maritime facilities are a great asset. If we are going to bring offshore wind energy ashore, we need the facilities to do it, and that creates huge opportunities for jobs and economic development in the blue economy."

On maritime economies like Dún Laoghaire, Bangor and Athens and energy transition





COLIN BROWN
PRESIDENT DÚN LAOGHAIRE
RATHDOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

"For the Chamber, a day like this is what we're for: bringing business, community and government into one room, and turning good conversations into things that actually happen."

On the importance of the Forum

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From the Harbour to the Hills

One Chamber for all of Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown: coast, town centres and upland communities



1. The Coast. A proposed Maritime Academy for Dún Laoghaire, linked with Bangor and Athens, and the Shared Island Coastal Corridor with Bangor Chamber, building skills for the blue economy and offshore wind.
2. Our Towns. Purple Flag and the Evening and Night-Time Economy Strategy 2026–2029, keeping our town centres safe, vibrant and open for business after 5pm.
3. The Mountains: Making sure upland businesses have a voice at the table, supporting rural enterprise and outdoor tourism across the Dublin Mountains, and the infrastructure that keeps them connected to the blue economy.
4. Next Steps: Continue to carry the voice of the whole county, coast and mountains alike, to Government through the Pre-Budget Submission and to DLR County Council, so that investment reaches every part of Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown.

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Investment in skills and the blue economy that would benefit the county

Linked with Bangor and Athens, to create support for the skills the blue economy and offshore wind will need



1. Proposed by DLR County Chamber
2. Welcomed by Minister Dooley in his keynote speech
3. And an expert panel who spoke about:

   Sharon O'Connor, Chartered Director · Board Member, SEAI · Belfast Harbour

   A cross-border view of how harbours can lead the energy transition.

   Richard Donnelly, CEO, Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM), Ireland's Seafood Development Agency

   Build marine skills and careers for the next generation.

   Vanessa O'Connell, RWE Offshore Development, Dún Laoghaire

   On Dublin Array and the local jobs and supply chain offshore wind will bring, urging everyone to "lean in".

   Laura Jackson, Assistant Harbour Master, Dún Laoghaire Harbour

   On running a working harbour safely as it grows into new uses.

   Frank Curran, CE, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

   The Harbour Masterplan and partnership will unlock the harbour's potential.
4. The Chamber will continue to work with Government, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the maritime sector to secure the skills and capital funding needed to re-establish a Maritime Academy in Dún Laoghaire..

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EU PRESIDENCY EVENT

PROUDLY ANNOUNCING — PROGRAMME · 30 OCTOBER 2026

From Athens to Dún Laoghaire & Bangor

EU Democracy, Innovation and Blue Economy Forum · Morning



VENUE: Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire, A96 KO63

MODERATOR: Flor MacCarthy

08.45 - Registration, tea and coffee

09.00 - 09.25 PHOTOCALL

09.25 - 09.35 HOUSEKEEPING
Flor MacCarthy, Broadcaster and Event Host - housekeeping
Colin Brown, President, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber

09.35 - 09.40 CIVIC WELCOME AND OFFICIAL OPENING
An Cathaoirleach Barry Saul, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

09.40 - 09.47 OPENING ADDRESS
Barry Andrews MEP, European Parliament

09.47 - 09.55 ADDRESS
Jennifer Carroll MacNeill TD, Minister for Health

09.55 - 10.02 ADDRESS
Barry Ward TD, Committee on European Union Affairs

10.02 - 10.08 ADDRESS
Frank Curran, Chief Executive, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

10.08 - 10.15 ADDRESS
H.E. Georgios Stilianopoulos, Ambassador of Greece to Ireland

10.15 - 10.35 KEYNOTE SPEECH AND QUESTIONS
Blue Economy and Maritime Skills
Timmy Dooley TD, Minister of State with responsibility for the Marine

10:35 - 10:38 THANK SPEAKERS - INTRODUCE PANEL
Colette O'Sullivan, CEO, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber

10.38 - 11.17 PANEL DISCUSSION
Enterprise, Innovation and the Blue Economy
Sharon O'Connor, Chartered Director, Board Member, SEAI; Belfast Harbour Commissioner
Frank Curran, CE, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council
Richard Donnelly, CEO, BIM
Vanessa O'Connell, RWE Offshore Development
Laura Jackson, Assistant Harbour Master, Dún Laoghaire Harbour
Moderated by **Flor MacCarthy**

11.15 - 11.40 COFFEE AND NETWORKING

11.40 - 11.47 ADDRESS
Cormac Devlin TD, Cathaoirleach, Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement
11.47 - 12.10 IN CONVERSATION WITH
Cormac Devlin TD, Cathaoirleach, Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement
Barry Andrews MEP, discusses potential in EU Presidency.
In conversation with **Flor MacCarthy**

12.10 - 12.40 ROUND TABLES
Facilitated by **Gisèle Scanlon**, Policy and Public Affairs for DLR Chamber of Commerce - table results will feed into policy ask

12.40 - 12.48 REPORT-BACK
Table spokespeople, roving microphone collects feedback

12.48 - 12.53 NEXT STEPS FOR FUTURE BUILDING
The Shared Island Corridor
Colette O'Sullivan, CEO, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber
Frank Shivers, President, Bangor Chamber of Commerce
Cormac Devlin TD, Cathaoirleach, Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement

12.53 - 13.00 CLOSING ADDRESS
Frank Curran, Chief Executive, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

13.00 - 14.00 LUNCH AND NETWORKING

PAUL KENNEDY,
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HARBOUR AND PROPERTY,
DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

"The Decarbonising Zone is a place where we test, in a real community, what climate action looks like in practice. Not in a report, but on actual streets, in actual buildings, with actual businesses."

On the Dún Laoghaire-Blackrock Decarbonising Zone in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown



DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN DECARBONISING ZONE
CLIMATE ACTION EVENT

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Sustainable Business Exchange

What can your business change in the next 12 months?

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

SUSTAINABILITY BUSINESS EXCHANGE



COLIN BROWN, PRESIDENT
DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

“Energy is now one of our biggest costs, and many of you running cafés, restaurants, shops and venues feel exactly the same.”

On sustainability as the General Manager of The Royal Marine Hotel

COLETTE O’SULLIVAN, CEO
DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

“Hundreds of businesses are working in sustainability, and many more want to act but aren’t sure where to start. That’s what this afternoon is all about.”

On why the Chamber brought businesses together to share knowledge on Decarbonising



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SUSTAINABILITY BUSINESS EXCHANGE



SHARON O'CONNOR
CHARTERED DIRECTOR BOARD MEMBER (SEAI),
BELFAST HARBOUR COMMISSIONER

"Do not wait for a perfect technological solution. Start from where you are. This is about practical business sense."

On measuring, planning and making sustainability everyone's business

PETER LEFROY, HEAD OF IRELAND AND UK WEST,
RWE OFFSHORE DEVELOPMENT

"The ambition around developing a maritime training hub here makes perfect sense. We see it as part of a larger marine hub within Dún Laoghaire Harbour."

On Dublin Array and opportunities for local suppliers



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dlr Comhairle Contae County Council

WE'RE TAKING CLIMATE ACTION



PAUL BRADLEY, CEO, RENEWABLES IRELAND

"We don't just sell solar. We analyse every business's energy use, design the right system, and the results speak for themselves. And since the Budget, SEAI solar grants have virtually doubled."

On solar and battery storage for small businesses

STEPHEN FRASER, HEALTH, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENTAL AND QUALITY MANAGER, IRISH LIGHTS

"90% of everything we use in this country comes in by sea. We were using solar panels on our lighthouses before they were cool, and today all but one of our stations are solarised."

On cutting emissions from lighthouses, ships and helicopters



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

An Roinn Aeráide, Fuinnimh agus Comhshaoil, Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment

WE'RE TAKING CLIMATE ACTION

dlr Comhairle Contae County Council

An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber

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SUSTAINABILITY BUSINESS EXCHANGE



DARRELL CROWE,
HEAD OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT,
SSE AIRTRICITY

"The retrofit market is already well established and well funded. But everything starts with understanding how your business uses energy, and that begins with an energy audit."

On where businesses can start with retrofit and energy savings

ALISON BLAYNEY, CEO
KILCOOLEY WOMEN'S CENTRE
AND VICE PRESIDENT
BANGOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

"Sustainability helps future-proof our businesses and communities, and inspires our young people."

On social enterprise, reuse and cross-border friendship



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PHILIP WALKER,
FOUNDER AND MANAGING DIRECTOR,
ECOMERIT

"Measuring your footprint is a lot easier than you would think. Start reading your meter regularly, and that's your baseline. Our smallest certified company employs two people, and it's worth it for them."

On measuring your footprint and getting certified



REBECCA WILSON,
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH, POLICY AND EDUCATION,
THE REDISCOVERY CENTRE

"You're probably already doing something circular and just not calling it that. Take a moment, see what you're already doing, and give yourself a pat on the back for it."

On the easiest first step for a small café or shop

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VIV GAINE,
CENTRE DIRECTOR,
FRASCATI CENTRE, BLACKROCK

"In five years we've sold 60,000 pieces of clothing, bags and shoes that haven't gone into landfill, and raised hundreds of thousands for Breast Cancer Ireland. That to me is sustainability in one little nugget."

On sustainable fashion and a Blackrock example

PAUL KENNEDY,
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HARBOUR AND PROPERTY,
DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

"The first port of call is Green for Business, a free audit through the Local Enterprise Office. It will give you recommendations that can lead into an energy efficiency grant of up to €10,000."

On how the Council can help businesses retrofit



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

An Roinn Airgeadais, Fiontraíochta agus Comhdhaonnachta, Department of Finance, Enterprise and Equality

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SENATOR ANNE RABBITTE

"You're the ambassadors of what good is like. From Kerry to Derry, we need you to lean in and tell the story. It's an all-island conversation going forward."

On decarbonisation and sustainability on the western coastline

GISÈLE SCANLON
POLICY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS
CONSULTANT FOR DLR CHAMBER

The afternoon was built around three policy questions for every business:
What can you change in the next 12 months?
What is holding you back?
What support would help?

We will be working together to:

1. Further develop policy around the Purple Flag model to bring Dún Laoghaire's retailers together on sustainability.
2. Explore policy around group retrofit schemes, so main-street businesses can look at sharing contractors and lower costs.
3. Develop policy around a local business reuse exchange, so one business's surplus becomes another's resource.

On findings from the day and further development of a Chamber policy paper

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Sustainable Business Exchange

Decarbonising Zone Climate Action Event · Afternoon

VENUE: Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire, A96 KO63

MODERATOR: Flor MacCarthy

13.00 - 14.00 LUNCH AND NETWORKING

14.00 - 14.06 OPENING AND WELCOME
Flor MacCarthy, Broadcaster and Host
Colin Brown, President, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber; General Manager, Royal Marine Hotel
Speaking on: the Chamber's policy asks
Colette O'Sullivan, CEO, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber

14.06 - 14.11 THE DECARBONISING ZONE
Paul Kennedy, Director of Planning, Economic Development, Harbour and Property, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

14.11 - 14.15 ADDRESS
The View from Government and Across the Border
Cormac Devlin TD, Cathaoirleach, Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement

14.15 - 14.25 KEYNOTE SHOW AND TELL
Why Decarbonising Pays
Sharon O'Connor, Chartered Director, Board Member, SEAI; Belfast Harbour Commissioner

14.25 - 15.10 SHOW AND TELL, ROUND 1
Clean Energy and the Blue Economy

Peter Lefroy, Head of Ireland and UK West, RWE Offshore Development
Speaking on: Offshore wind and the local supply chain

Paul Bradley, Co-founder and Director, Renewables Ireland
Speaking on: Renewables a small business can install

Stephen Fraser, Health, Safety, Environmental and Quality Manager, Irish Lights
Speaking on: Greening a maritime operation

Darrell Crowe, Director / Senior Commercial Manager, SSE Airtricity
Speaking on: Switching your business to renewable power

Frank Shivers, President, Bangor Chamber of Commerce
Speaking on: The view from Bangor
Questions from the floor **15.05**

15.10 - 15.40 SHOW AND TELL, ROUND 2
Circular Economy and Retrofit

Rebecca Wilson, Director of Research, Policy and Education, The Rediscovery Centre
Speaking on: The circular economy in practice

Philip Walker, Founder and Managing Director, EcoMerit
Speaking on: Measuring your footprint and getting certified

Paul Kennedy, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council
Speaking on: The Council's role in circular economy and retrofit

Viv Gaine, Centre Director, Frascati Centre, Blackrock
Speaking on: a Blackrock example
Questions from the floor, **15.34**

15.40 - 15.50 BREAK, BUSINESS MATCHING AND SUPPORTS

15.50 - 16.20 ACTION LABS
Six tables, each asking: what can we do in the next 12 months, what is stopping us, and what support would help?

Retrofit and Energy Delivery: skills and supply chain for the retrofit wave. *Paul Higgins, Sharon O'Connor and Darrell Crowe.*
Circular Economy: cutting waste through reuse, repair and smarter buying. *Rebecca Wilson, Viv Gaine*
ESG and Sustainability Advisory: measuring your footprint and meeting reporting asks. *Philip Walker*
Coastal and Blue Economy: greener harbour operations and the offshore wind opportunity. *Stephen Fraser, Peter Lefroy*
Hospitality, Tourism and the Visitor Economy: cutting energy and waste costs in hotels, cafés and venues. *Colin Brown*
Transport and Mobility: deliveries, staff and customer travel, and EV charging. *Paul Kennedy.*
The Action Lab tables are facilitated by Gisèle Scanlon, Policy and Public Affairs for DLR Chamber.

16.20 - 16.40 FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
Chaired by **Flor MacCarthy**
Speaking in response on stage: **Colette O'Sullivan**, CEO, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber
Frank Shivers, President, Bangor Chamber of Commerce
Paul Kennedy, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council
Policy Round tables findings facilitated by roving microphone by **Gisèle Scanlon**, Policy and Public Affairs for DLR Chamber

16.40 - 16.50 CLOSE AND NEXT STEPS
Building our relationship with the Department of Foreign Affairs, and what we have learned on decarbonisation
Colette O'Sullivan, **Paul Kennedy and Frank Shivers**

16.50 - 17.00 NETWORKING

YOUR LOCAL STAMP, GLOBAL REACH

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03	Recognised Internationally	Certificates of Origin issued by Chambers are accepted in markets worldwide.
04	Access to Global Markets	Provides exporters with documentation that helps facilitate international trade and market access.

HOW OUR SERVICE WORKS

Five steps from application to export-ready certification, handled by the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Chamber of Commerce.

THE PROCESS

01	**Apply Online**	Submit your application and supporting documentation through the online certification system.
02	**Document Review**	Our team reviews your documents to ensure accuracy and completeness.
03	**Verification**	We verify the information to ensure compliance with regulations.
04	**Certification**	Your Certificate of Origin is issued, stamped and signed.
05	**Export Ready**	Use your certificate to clear customs and ship with confidence.

SUPPORTING EXPORTS TO INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

From local businesses to global supply chains, our Certificate of Origin service helps you expand into new markets and builds international relationships.



TRUSTED. RECOGNISED. ESSENTIAL.

We are committed to delivering a fast, efficient and secure service that helps your business trade internationally.

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Purple Flag

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Royal Marine Hotel

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Public Participation Network DLR

Dún Laoghaire Town

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dún laoghaire city town

dlba
Dún Laoghaire Business Association

Dún Laoghaire Central
Residents Association

Iarnród Éireann
Irish Rail

Institute of Art, Design + Technology Dún Laoghaire

Dún Laoghaire Earns a Purple Flag:
A road to developing the Evening and Nighttime Economy

A vibrant evening and night-time economy is a defining feature of successful towns and cities. It extends beyond hospitality to encompass culture, entertainment, retail, leisure, dining and community life, creating places where people choose to spend time, businesses can flourish and communities feel connected.

In October 2026, in Cork, Dún Laoghaire was formally presented with its first ever Purple Flag at the Purple Flag Awards Ceremony at The Metropole Hotel.

Our CEO Colette O'Sullivan delivered a pre-recorded message inviting attendees to visit Dún Laoghaire in the future and our Policy Public Affairs lead and Purple Flag Coordinator, Gisèle Scanlon, accepted the Purple flag on behalf of the town:

"I'm so grateful to Colette O'Sullivan, CEO of DLR Chamber, for the opportunity to work on this very interesting project. Gathering input from our 41-strong stakeholder group has been so rewarding, immersing me in the science and research of placemaking and community safety. None of this would have been possible without Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Chamber of Commerce and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, who backed the process throughout.

Although I accepted the flag on behalf of the Dún Laoghaire team, it truly belongs to everyone, and I look forward to supporting the Chamber and Council to earn more Purple Flags across the county."

— Gisèle Scanlon Purple Flag Coordinator

The Purple Flag, contributes to a sense of place, fostering safe, welcoming and inclusive environments for residents and business people who visit.

For Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown, a thriving evening economy is both an economic and social asset. It supports employment, attracts visitors, strengthens local businesses and enhances the attractiveness of our towns and villages.

A Purple Flag application takes well over a year to prepare, and I'm proud of Gisèle Scanlon who gave her time to it. Thanks also to Frank Curran, John O' Toole, Jim Gildea and the Council's support from the outset. A special thanks to, Colin Brown President of DLR Chamber and General Manager Royal Marine Hotel, An Garda Síochána, dlba - Dún Laoghaire Business Association , DLR Tidy Towns, DLRPPN, our businesses, residents and volunteers and the 41 stakeholder group.

Now our job is to keep developing, so that Dún Laoghaire and towns across the county stay safe, welcoming and full of life long after 5pm."

— Colette O'Sullivan, CEO, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Chamber of Commerce


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THANK YOU







Dún Laoghaire

Purple Flag Welcome

2025







Purple Flag - Key Stakeholders

A significant number of stakeholders were brought together to form the Dún Laoghaire ENTE Project Team. Their names are:

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Chamber

Colette O'Sullivan - CEO, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Chamber
Wei Du - Administrative Support DLR Chamber

Local Authority Leadership

Frank Curran - Chief Executive, DLR County Council
Jim Gildea - Cathaoirleach/Deputy Chair, DLR County Council
Pierce Dargan - Leas Cathaoirleach/Chair, DLR County Council
John O'Toole - DLR County Council, Head of Economic Development
Nigel Duffy - DLR County Council, Head of Business & Economic Development
David Lawless - DLR County Council, Tourism Department
Carolyn McCarthy - DLR County Council, Tourism Department

Business , Community & Civic Partners

Catherine Harris - Dún Laoghaire Tidy Towns and Town Team
Mary Timmons - Dún Laoghaire Tidy Towns
Fiona Murray - Dún Laoghaire Tidy Towns
Francis Kelly - DL Central Residents Association and Town Team
Paul Coffey - DL Central Residents Association and Town Team
Simone Sav - DLR Public Participation Network
Colette Dowling - DLR Public Participation Network
Niall Lawlor - Dún Laoghaire Business Association and Town Team
Martin O'Byrne - Dún Laoghaire Business Association and Town Team
Brian Dunphy - Dún Laoghaire Business Association and Town Team
David Houlton - DL Business Association and LPF (Local Police Forum)
Eoin Costello - The Dargan Institute

Transport Partners

Fergal Brien - Irish Rail
Borrough Taxis - Community Liaison Representative
Tim Ryan - Dún Laoghaire Harbour Master
Dublin Bay Cruises - Eugene Gerrihy

Public Safety & Law Enforcement

Brian Halligan - Superintendent, Dún Laoghaire Garda Station
Georgina Reilly - Community Garda, Dún Laoghaire Garda Station
Marion Power - Community Garda, Dún Laoghaire Garda Station
Mark Perry - 1 Plus Security (Street Angels Risk Assessment Lead)

Hospitality Representatives

Colin Brown - General Manager, Royal Marine Hotel

Business Representatives

Dónal Kennedy - Pavilion Theatre
Cameron Johnson - General Manager, IMC Cinema
Samantha Owens - Tesco Ireland
Michelle Rabbette - Owner, Walters Pub & Venue
Conor McKenna - McKenna's Pub
Neil Goodman - Board and Brewed
Chad - Manager, Casper & Gambini (Restaurant)
David Harper - Cala Restaurant
Sam Sun - A Bite of China (Restaurant)
Darich Zhang - Sushida Dún Laoghaire (Restaurant)

Educational & Cultural Partners

Domitilla Fagan - Lexicon Library
Representative -CEO, IADT

Planning Partner

Gisèle Scanlon - Purple Flag Coordinator for DLR Chamber

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WELCOME TO DÚN LAOGHAIRE!

The Dún Laoghaire ENTEP is a partnership between Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Chamber, DLR County Council and a significant number of stakeholders in Dún Laoghaire.
Thank You,
CEO, Colette O'Sullivan,

Colette

BUILDING ON 10 YEARS OF PROGRESS

Sandyford Business District (SBD) is a not-for-profit organisation representing the interests of businesses across Stillorgan Business Park, Sandyford Business Park, Central Park and South County Business Park.



SANDYFORD BUSINESS DISTRICT

1,000 BUSINESSES | **26,000+** EMPLOYEES | **6,000+** RESIDENTS

Home to almost 1,000 businesses, more than 26,000 employees and over 6,000 residents. The district is a diverse business community that includes global companies such as Microsoft, Mastercard, Avant Money, BNP Paribas, alongside a thriving network of local businesses, including AIB, Beacon Hospital, Jacobs and Cubic[3].

WHAT WE DO

ADVOCACY & REPRESENTATION

We advocate on behalf of businesses on issues such as transport, infrastructure, public realm, planning and business costs, ensuring that the voice of Sandyford Business District is heard by local and national decision-makers.

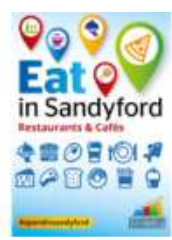
PLACEMAKING & ENVIRONMENT

We also invest in placemaking, environmental improvements and initiatives that enhance the experience of working and spending time in the district. From landscaping, biodiversity and public art to events, networking and community initiatives, our aim is to create a vibrant and welcoming destination.

BUSINESS GROWTH & ENGAGEMENT

Through events, campaigns, communications, partnerships and initiatives such as Spend in Sandyford, we connect businesses with each other and promote the many reasons to work, live, shop, eat and do business in the district.









> *Creating a vibrant, connected and sustainable district where businesses can grow, employees can thrive, and people want to work, visit and invest.*

Sandyford.ie →

LOOKING AHEAD: OUR THIRD TERM

In June 2026, businesses voted overwhelmingly to renew Sandyford Business District for a third term. This strong mandate reflects the confidence businesses have in the work of SBD and provides an opportunity to build on the progress of the past decade.

Our vision for the third term is ambitious: to establish Sandyford Business District as a premier innovation district in Europe.

We will focus on strengthening Sandyford Business District's position as a leading location for business and innovation, including the development of an Innovation Campus for start-ups and scale-ups that will further enhance the district's role as a hub for innovation, collaboration and enterprise.

We will also continue to improve connectivity and mobility, deliver better public spaces, support sustainability and climate action and create a district where businesses and employees can thrive.



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

Collaboration is at the heart of what we do. We work closely with our business community and local stakeholders, including Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council to ensure that the needs and priorities of businesses are represented and that we can deliver meaningful projects for the district.

We have also developed strategic partnerships with leading education and business organisations through Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with IADT, NovaUCD and the Irish Management Institute (IMI). These partnerships help strengthen links between business, education, innovation and talent.

At national level, we engage with Government Departments, Enterprise Ireland, IDA Ireland and political representatives, advocating for investment, infrastructure and policies that support the continued growth and competitiveness of the district.

Our international partnerships and networks also play an important role in sharing knowledge, developing new opportunities and positioning Sandyford Business District within the wider European innovation ecosystem. These include Casablanca Finance City, Silvota Industrial Area in Spain, Circular PSP, IB-Green, Smart Cities and the URBACT network.

SBD is also a co-founder of the European Association of Business Innovation Districts (EABID), strengthening connections with Business Innovation Districts across Europe and providing opportunities to share knowledge and best practice.
Through these partnerships, we can share expertise, develop innovative projects, attract investment and ensure the district continues to learn from and contribute to best practice internationally.



"THE NEXT CHAPTER FOR SANDYFORD HAS BEGUN – AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO BUILDING IT TOGETHER."

ENTRIES OPENED FOR THE 2026 DÚN LAOGHAIRE COUNTY BUSINESS AWARDS

More than 90 business leaders gather aboard Dublin Bay Cruises to launch 2026 Awards.



Among those attending were An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Barry Saul; Frank Shivers, President of Bangor Chamber of Commerce; TDs Barry Ward and Cormac Devlin; together with County Councillors, previous award winners, sponsors, Board Directors and business leaders from across Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. We were also extremely honoured to have Yaroslav Humeniuk, First Secretary in the Embassy of Ukraine to Ireland in attendance.

The launch also celebrated what has been a transformational period for DLR Chamber. Over the past year, the Chamber has significantly expanded its programme of business engagement and advocacy, delivering a record number of networking events, publishing its landmark Economic Intelligence Report, securing Purple Flag accreditation for Dún Laoghaire, establishing the Shared Island Economic Partnership with Bangor Chamber of Commerce, and making more than 80 policy and lobbying submissions.

Between January and April 2026 alone, DLR Chamber ranked as the fifth most active lobbying organisation in Ireland, reflecting its growing influence as the voice of business for the county. Together, these initiatives are helping to build a stronger, more connected and more competitive business community.

Speaking at the launch, Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Cllr Barry Saul, said:

"I was delighted to be present at the launch of the DLR Chamber County Business Awards this morning, which celebrate and recognise the thriving and vibrant business community across Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. These awards shine a spotlight on the innovation, entrepreneurship and resilience that drive our local economy and contribute so much to the region's success. I look forward to seeing the outstanding achievements of businesses across the county acknowledged and celebrated through this important initiative."

Frank Curran, Chief Executive of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, said:

"The DLR County Business Awards continue to showcase the innovation, resilience and ambition that define businesses across our county. It is inspiring to see so many organisations striving for excellence, creating employment and making such a positive contribution to our local economy and communities."

Colin Brown, President of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Chamber, said:

"The launch of the awards aboard Dublin Bay Cruises perfectly captured the confidence, optimism and ambition that exists across our business community. Seeing over 90 people come together before 8.00am demonstrates the value businesses place on celebrating success, building connections and supporting one another.
The DLR County Business Awards celebrate the people behind that success – the entrepreneurs, employers, innovators and community leaders who are shaping the future of our county. We look forward to discovering this year's finalists and celebrating their achievements at what promises to be our biggest Awards Gala yet."

Now in their tenth year in their current format, and building on the Chamber's earlier Sustainability Awards programme, the DLR County Business Awards continue a proud tradition of recognising excellence across Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown's business community for 20 years in partnership Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

Entries are now officially open across the following categories:

- Best Start-Up Business of the Year
- Climate Excellence Award (> 100 employees)
- Climate Excellence Award (< 100 employees)
- Innovation & Digital Transformation Award
- Inclusive Employer of the Year Award
- Circular Economy & Sustainability Innovation Award
- Corporate Community Impact Award
- Professional Services Excellence Award (less than 10 Employees)
- Professional Services Excellence Award (greater than 10 Employees)
- Financial Services Excellence Award
- Excellence in Tourism & Hospitality Award
- Excellence in Sport & Leisure Award
- Retail Excellence Award
- Destination & Placemaking Award

The winners will be announced at the DLR County Business Awards Gala on Thursday, 12 November 2026, at the Royal Marine Hotel, where hundreds of business leaders from across the county will gather to celebrate the very best of business in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

The Chamber expressed its sincere appreciation to its valued Awards partners and sponsors, whose continued support makes the programme possible: Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Local Enterprise Office DLR, RWE, AIB, EirGrid, KeyGreen, PTSB, Royal Marine Hotel, RBK and BusinessPlus.

A special acknowledgement was also extended to Dublin Bay Cruises for hosting the launch in such a unique and iconic setting, providing the perfect backdrop for the official start of the 2026 Awards programme. The Chamber also thanked Michael Chester for capturing the occasion through his photography.
Applications for the DLR County Business Awards 2026 are now closed, and businesses of all sizes from across Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown are encouraged to enter and showcase their achievements again next year.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber
Advancing business together

THE 2026

DLR CHAMBER

BUSINESS AWARDS

NOVEMBER 12, 2026 | 7:00 P.M.

CELEBRATING BUSINESS EXCELLENCE IN DLR



ENTRIES OPENED
09 JULY 2026

ENTRY DEADLINE
12 SEPTEMBER 2026

AWARDS GALA
12 NOVEMBER 2026

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber

THE 2026 DLR CHAMBER BUSINESS AWARDS

MEET THE AWARDS

14 CATEGORIES. ONE VISION.
CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE ACROSS DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN

01 BEST START-UP OF THE YEAR

02 CLIMATE ACTION AWARD (LESS THAN 100 EMPLOYEES)

03 CLIMATE EXCELLENCE AWARD (GREATER THAN 100 EMPLOYEES)

04 INNOVATION & DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AWARD

05 INCLUSIVE EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

06 CIRCULAR ECONOMY & SUSTAINABILITY INNOVATION AWARD

07 CORPORATE COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

08 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES EXCELLENCE AWARD (LESS THAN 10 EMPLOYEES)

09 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES EXCELLENCE AWARD (GREATER THAN 10 EMPLOYEES)

10 FINANCIAL SERVICES EXCELLENCE AWARD

11 EXCELLENCE IN TOURISM & HOSPITALITY AWARD

12 EXCELLENCE IN SPORT & LEISURE AWARD

13 RETAIL EXCELLENCE AWARD

14 DESTINATION & PLACEMAKING AWARD



A LOOK BACK AT

THE 2025 DLR CHAMBER BUSINESS AWARDS

2025 WINNERS & SPONSORS

CLICK ON WINNERS AND SPONSORS ON OUR WEBSITE

BEST / INNOVATIVE BUSINESS (IN THE LAST 5 YEARS)

Snugí Knitwear

SPONSOR: LEO DÚN LAOGHAIRE

CLIMATE ACTION SUCCESS > 50 EMPLOYEES

Bread 41

SPONSOR: DLR COUNTY COUNCIL

CLIMATE ACTION SUCCESS < 50 EMPLOYEES

Reverve Energy

SPONSOR: DLR COUNTY COUNCIL

BEST COMPANY TO WORK FOR AWARD

MBSL

SPONSOR: KEYGREEN

BEST SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT – ESG AWARD

ASA Brands

SPONSOR: RWE

BEST CORPORATE COMMUNITY INTERACTION AWARD

PTSB

SPONSOR: AIB

BEST TOURISM ATTRACTION AWARD

Airfield Estate

SPONSOR: PWC

BEST CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD

Mercedes-Benz South Dublin

SPONSOR: PTSB

BEST PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD < 10 EMPLOYEES

SUNSTONE

SPONSOR: BUSINESSPLUS.IE

BEST PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD > 10 EMPLOYEES

Blackrock Hospice, Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services

SPONSOR: BUSINESSPLUS.IE

BEST VENUE & HOSPITALITY AWARD

St. Helen's Hotel Dublin

SPONSOR: ROYAL MARINE HOTEL

BEST MARKETING INITIATIVE AWARD

Dundrum Town Centre

SPONSOR: EIRGRID GROUP

BEST FINANCIAL SERVICES AWARD

LHK Group

SPONSOR: RBK

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Great Care Co-Op

SPONSOR: DLR COUNTY COUNCIL
SUPPORTED: SOUTHSIDE PARTNERSHIP

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Viv Gaine

DLR CHAMBER

PERSON OF THE YEAR

Michael Byrne

DLR CHAMBER

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE ACROSS DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN



What a great showcase and celebration of Local Businesses. Our President, Jill Lush, and our entire board were extremely impressed with both the quality of the submissions, and the achievements of both existing companies and new business start ups this year here in DLR. We are already looking forward to 2026 and even more success that we can platform on behalf of our members

COLETTE O'SULLIVAN

CEO, DLR Chamber of Commerce

A LOOK BACK AT
THE 2025 DLR CHAMBER BUSINESS AWARDS

2025 HIGHLY COMMENDED & SPONSORS

CLICK ON WINNERS AND SPONSORS BELOW TO VISIT WEBSITES

BEST / INNOVATIVE BUSINESS (IN THE LAST 5 YEARS)
The Young Entrepreneurs
SPONSOR: LEO DÚN LAOGHAIRE

CLIMATE ACTION SUCCESS > 50 EMPLOYEES
Royal Marine Hotel
SPONSOR: DLR COUNTY COUNCIL

CLIMATE ACTION SUCCESS < 50 EMPLOYEES
Dundrum Town Centre
SPONSOR: DLR COUNTY COUNCIL

BEST COMPANY TO WORK FOR AWARD
Talbot Hotel Stillorgan
SPONSOR: KEYGREEN

BEST SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT – ESG AWARD
The Medicine Accelerator (APL and VLE Therapeutics)
SPONSOR: RWE

BEST CORPORATE COMMUNITY INTERACTION AWARD
IADT (Department of Entrepreneurship)
SPONSOR: AIB

BEST TOURISM ATTRACTION AWARD
Cool Running Events
SPONSOR: PWC

BEST CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD
The Eagle, Glasthule
SPONSOR: PTSB

BEST PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD < 10 EMPLOYEES
Care to Comfort
SPONSOR: BUSINESSPLUS.IE

BEST PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD > 10 EMPLOYEES
Osborne
SPONSOR: BUSINESSPLUS.IE

BEST VENUE & HOSPITALITY AWARD
Dublin Cookery School
SPONSOR: ROYAL MARINE HOTEL

BEST MARKETING INITIATIVE AWARD
Influencio Media
SPONSOR: EIRGRID GROUP

BEST MARKETING INITIATIVE AWARD
The Engine Room
SPONSOR: EIRGRID GROUP

BEST FINANCIAL SERVICES AWARD
Starlight Advisors
SPONSOR: RBK

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE OF THE YEAR AWARD
St Joseph's AFC
SPONSOR: DLR COUNTY COUNCIL
SUPPORTED: SOUTHSIDE PARTNERSHIP

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE ACROSS DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN





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2025 Award Winners



BUSINESS AWARDS 2025

HIGHLY COMMENDED

FOR

BEST / INNOVATIVE BUSINESS
(IN THE LAST 5 YEARS)

THE YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS CLUB

SPONSORED BY

Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil
Local Enterprise Office

THE YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS CLUB

PROFILE

The Young Entrepreneurs Club is an educational programme that empowers children aged 4–14 with essential life skills, entrepreneurial thinking, and character development. Delivered through in-school workshops, after-school clubs, and digital platforms, we integrate creativity, problem-solving, teamwork, and values such as empathy, fairness, and inclusion - complementing the primary curriculum.

Our core business is preparing the next generation to see themselves not just as learners, but as innovators and changemakers - equipped with the skills, confidence, and mindset to thrive in an ever-changing world

BASED | GLASTHULE

WEBSITE | WWW.THEYOUNGENTREPRENEURSCLUB.IE



BUSINESS AWARDS 2025

WINNER

FOR

BEST / INNOVATIVE BUSINESS
(IN THE LAST 5 YEARS)

snugí

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Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil
Local Enterprise Office

SNUGÍ KNITWEAR

PROFILE

Snugi Knitwear, founded by Serena Grimes in 2020, is a luxury, sustainable slow fashion lifestyle brand that has quickly gained recognition for its high-quality, eco-friendly knitwear. Inspired by the rugged beauty of Donegal's landscape, this multi-award-winning brand specialises in merino wool products across three distinct collections: Snugibabog for baby wear, Snugi madra for dogs, and Snugi Snámh for outdoor enthusiasts and sea swimmers.

The brand's commitment to sustainability is evident in its use of natural, hypoallergenic merino wool sourced from Donegal Yarns and Italy, ensuring each piece is not only comfortable but also environmentally responsible.

BASED | DUBLIN

WEBSITE | WWW.SNUGIKNITWEAR.COM

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Comhairle Contae County Council

Economic Development Supports

Practical financial supports to enhance our business areas and local economy.



Shopfront Improvement Grant

Support to improve the appearance and accessibility of business premises.

Vacant Premises Grant

Financial assistance to bring vacant commercial units back into productive use.

Street Furniture Grant

Funding to support outdoor seating, planters and public realm enhancements.

Seasonal Fund

Support for seasonal events, animations and initiatives that increase footfall and town vibrancy.

Business Area Promotion Grant

Funding for collaborative marketing, promotional campaigns and business district initiatives.

Supporting Local Business Growth Across Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown

For further information visit **www.dlrcoco.ie**



BUSINESS AWARDS 2025

HIGHLY COMMENDED

FOR

CLIMATE ACTION SUCCESS AWARD

(GREATER THAN 50 EMPLOYEES)

ROYAL MARINE HOTEL

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ROYAL MARINE HOTEL

PROFILE

The Royal Marine Hotel is a four-star historic property in Dún Laoghaire, offering premium hospitality services across accommodation, dining, wellness and events. With 228 rooms and extensive conference facilities, it serves both leisure and corporate guests.

The hotel is a key player in the local tourism sector and is committed to sustainable operations, recently achieving Eco Label Certification and joining the Fáilte Ireland Climate Action Programme. Sustainability is embedded in all areas of the business, from procurement and waste management to guest engagement and staff training, ensuring the hotel delivers exceptional service while reducing its environmental impact

BASED | DÚN LAOGHAIRE

WEBSITE | WWW.ROYALMARINE.IE



BUSINESS AWARDS 2025

WINNER

FOR

CLIMATE ACTION SUCCESS AWARD

(GREATER THAN 50 EMPLOYEES)

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dlr Comhairle Contae County Council

BREAD 41

PROFILE

Bread 41 is an organic sourdough bakery with four locations, dedicated to craft real bread and pastries using traditional methods and sustainably sourced ingredients.

Our core purpose is to reconnect people with nutritious, naturally leavened bread while embedding sustainability into every stage of our operations, from sourcing and production to waste reduction and community engagement.

Our Local Sourcing & Supply Chain Programme prioritises seasonal Irish produce. Beyond operations, our 'Real Breaducation' Programme trains teachers and students in nutritious breadmaking, supported by school visits and TY placements.

BASED | DUBLIN

WEBSITE | WWW.BREAD41.IE



BUSINESS AWARDS 2025

HIGHLY COMMENDED

FOR

CLIMATE ACTION SUCCESS AWARD

(LESS THAN 50 EMPLOYEES)

DUNDRUM TOWN CENTRE

SPONSORED BY

dlr Comhairle Contae County Council

DUNDRUM TOWN CENTRE

PROFILE

Dundrum Town Centre (DTC) is Ireland's premier 1.4 million square foot shopping centre. Operating since 2005, DTC has redefined the Irish retail landscape with over 170 tenants ranging from flagship international brands to local boutiques across fashion, dining, entertainment and services. Our mixed-use development integrates retail excellence with community amenities, featuring a 12-screen cinema, food court and premium restaurants.

The centre serves as a vital economic hub, employing thousands while attracting over 18 million visitors annually. Located adjacent to the Luas Green Line with extensive parking facilities, DTC ensures excellent connectivity.

BASED | SANDYFORD

WEBSITE | WWW.DUNDRUM.IE



BUSINESS AWARDS 2025

WINNER

FOR

CLIMATE ACTION SUCCESS AWARD

(LESS THAN 50 EMPLOYEES)

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making energy count

SPONSORED BY

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Comhairle Contae County Council

REVERVE ENERGY

PROFILE

Reverve Energy is an energy management company driven by technology and innovation. We use our unique virtual power plant platform to control energy assets at customer sites nationwide, cutting energy costs and dramatically reducing carbon emissions by up to 90%.

Our core team specialises in energy operations, data management and software development / innovation. We work with customers for whom energy is a large and strategic spend and who generate high levels of carbon by using grid electricity or fossil fuels. We measure energy usage and install energy assets such as solar panels and battery storage to maximise efficiency and reduce grid energy usage. With accurate measurement, we can provide insights, target energy action or investment and send alerts when things go wrong.

BASED | DÚN LAOGHAIRE

WEBSITE | WWW.REVERVE.IE

TALBOT HOTEL
STILLORGAN

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UPBEAT GENERATION
ALL SATURDAYS

Tickets
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Per Person



BUSINESS AWARDS 2025

HIGHLY COMMENDED

FOR

BEST COMPANY TO WORK FOR AWARD

TALBOT HOTEL
STILLORGAN

SPONSORED BY

KeyGreen

TALBOT HOTEL STILLORGAN

PROFILE

The Talbot Hotel Stillorgan is proud to foster a workforce that is both diverse and inclusive, bringing together employees from more than thirty countries around the world.

This breadth of backgrounds and cultures enriches our workplace, strengthens collaboration, and enables us to provide exceptional service to all our guests. We believe that diversity is one of our greatest strengths.

Our team spans multiple generations and professional disciplines, and we are committed to ensuring that every individual feels valued, supported, and empowered to develop their skills. This inclusive environment allows us to cultivate innovation and excellence across all areas of the hotel

BASED | STILLORGAN

WEBSITE | WWW.TALBOTHOTELSTILLORGAN.COM



BUSINESS AWARDS 2025

WINNER

FOR

BEST COMPANY TO WORK FOR AWARD

mbsl

SPONSORED BY

KeyGreen

MBSL

PROFILE

MBSL is a leading local Accountancy and Professional Services Firm based in Dundrum, delivering accounting support, business advisory, tax compliance, payroll, corporate governance, company secretarial services, data protection support and special assignments for over 25 years. We work with SMEs, professionals, and multinational subsidiaries, tailoring solutions that simplify compliance, enhance financial insight, and support long term growth.

We care about our Team and they are at the heart of our success. We foster a supportive, inclusive environment where learning, wellbeing, and collaboration are prioritised. Ongoing professional development, experience and mentoring empower our Team of 21 to grow and deliver outstanding service.

BASED | DUNDRUM

WEBSITE | WWW.MBSL.IE

RWE

By Vanessa O'Connell
Project Director, Dublin Array.



Why Offshore Wind Will Be a Key Driver for Ireland's Future.

Living in Dún Laoghaire, I am reminded every day of Ireland's close connection to the sea. Looking out across Dublin Bay from RWE's office here in Harbour Square, Dún Laoghaire, it is impossible not to recognise the enormous natural resource that exists just beyond our coastline.

As Ireland works to build a more sustainable and resilient energy system, offshore wind presents one of the greatest opportunities available to us. Projects like Dublin Array are not simply about generating electricity, they are about strengthening energy security, supporting climate action, creating long-term value for communities and helping to power Ireland's future.

Recent years have reinforced the importance of energy security and the need to reduce our reliance on imported fuels. I see first-hand how quickly conversations about energy have changed in recent years. Energy security is no longer an abstract policy issue. It affects households, businesses and communities every day.

Continued delivery of renewables is key, with Dublin Array alone having the potential to generate enough renewable electricity to power the equivalent of approximately 770,000 Irish homes. More broadly, the five proposed offshore wind projects planned for Ireland's east coast in the Irish Sea could collectively generate enough locally produced electricity to meet Ireland's current residential electricity demand.

Together, these projects could avoid almost 3 million tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions every year, a significant contribution to Ireland's legally binding climate targets and a cleaner environment for future generations.

But the energy transition cannot be about carbon reduction and climate action alone, it must also ensure a reliable, affordable energy supply for households and businesses. Producing more electricity from domestic renewable sources reduce exposure to the price volatility of imported fossil fuels and international energy markets. For businesses in particular, secure, competitively priced energy is critical to growth, investment and competitiveness.

As Dublin Array progresses through the planning process, our team remains focused on developing a project that can make a truly meaningful contribution to Ireland's future.

From my perspective as both Project Director and a resident of Dún Laoghaire, this industry is a once in a generation opportunity. I look forward to continuing to work with local businesses and communities to deliver it.

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THE MEDICINE ACCELERATOR (APC AND VLE THERAPEUTICS)

PROFILE

At The Medicine Accelerator – APC Ltd and VLE Therapeutics, Sustainability is more than a corporate value, it's a collective responsibility actively championed by our voluntary BeGreen Team. Comprising 25 passionate members from diverse professional backgrounds, the team unites around five strategic pillars: Environmental Impact Awareness & Engagement, Waste & Recycling, Utility Management & Optimization, Green Labs, and Environmental Sustainability Audit Readiness.

We also have a dedicated Sustainability Officer and a Sustainability Lead who actively champion sustainable initiatives across the company, guiding employees at all levels to make environmentally responsible choices

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PROFILE

ASA Brands is a second-generation family business, founded in 1984 and proudly celebrating 40 years this year. Our core business is helping organisations tell their story through promotional merchandise, sustainable corporate gifts, and branded webstores. With offices in Dublin, Cork and Belfast, we work with clients across Ireland, the UK and internationally. Sustainability is central to what we do.

We source only from certified suppliers and focus on products that are recycled, recyclable, or reusable. This commitment has earned us our ISO Certification and an EcoVadis medal and guides us as we align our work with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

BASED | DUBLIN

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IADT (DEPARTMENT OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP)

PROFILE

IADT has a distinctive focus on the creative, cultural and technological higher education sectors. IADT engages on a range of initiatives and projects with external stakeholders and partners at local, national and international level. Collaboration through targeted education initiatives, partnerships and facility provision.

The Department of Entrepreneurship at IADT Dún Laoghaire is a dynamic team dedicated to fostering upskilling in innovation and entrepreneurial skills among students. The department is led by a group of experienced academics and industry professionals who bring a wealth of practical knowledge to the classroom and business practice.

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PTSB provided banking services to individual cusotmers, this includes everything from cash services, to your first current account as well as savings and investments advice, mortgage and consumer lending advice.

We also serve small and medium enterprises with business banking offerings - including SME lending and asset finance. We are a local community Bank and our purpose is to work together to build trust with our Customers and our Community.

BASED | STILLORGAN

WEBSITE | WWW.PTSB.IE



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BEST TOURISM ATTRACTION

Dún Laoghaire Alpine SKATE TRAIL

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COOL RUNNING EVENTS

PROFILE

Alpine Skate Trail at Dún Laoghaire offers a truly unique winter experience, blending the magic of a traditional ice skating experience with Dublin's ONLY ice skating trail. Skaters glide along a winding circuit against the stunning backdrop of an Alpine ski trail with pine trees, festive lighting and decorations, creating an atmosphere that feels both festive and authentically local.

Our experience is designed to welcome everyone, with the smoothest ice surface, thanks to our zamboni, skate hire in all sizes, accessible entry points, and supportive aids for younger children and beginners. We also cater for schools, families, corporate groups, and tourists, ensuring an inclusive experience for all ages and abilities.

BASED | DUBLIN

WEBSITE | WWW.ICESKATING.IE



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BEST TOURISM ATTRACTION

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AIRFIELD ESTATE

PROFILE

Airfield Estate is a working farm and gardens, educational charity and tourist attraction. We welcome over 200,000 visitors each year to come and explore the farm and food gardens and learn about sustainable food production. We also bring over 10,000 students to the estate annually, between our school tours, educational visits and classes and courses.

In addition to these visitors we also host a range of private events including weddings, family events and corporate events for capacities ranging from 20-500 people. Airfield is also an accredited research institution, hosting a PhD student and a range of research interns.

BASED | DUNDRUM

WEBSITE | WWW.AIRFIELD.IE



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FOR

BEST CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD

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THE EAGLE, GLASTHULE

PROFILE

The Eagle in Glasthule is a welcoming neighbourhood pub and dining destination at the heart of the local community. Our core business is providing exceptional hospitality through great food, quality drinks, and a warm, personal service that makes every guest feel at home.

We combine the traditions of a classic Irish pub with a contemporary dining experience, offering freshly prepared dishes, a carefully curated drinks list, and a friendly, attentive team who take pride in creating memorable moments for our customers. Whether it's a casual pint, a family meal, or a special celebration, The Eagle's focus is on making each visit relaxed, enjoyable, and worth returning for.

BASED | GLASTHULE

WEBSITE | WWW.THEEAGLE.IE



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MSL Motor Group

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MERCEDES-BENZ SOUTH DUBLIN

PROFILE

Mercedes-Benz South Dublin is part of MSL Motor Group, Ireland's largest Mercedes-Benz retail partner, with a proud heritage of serving customers since 1959. As the official Mercedes-Benz dealership for South Dublin, we provide new and certified pre-owned vehicle sales, aftersales care, servicing, parts, and finance solutions.

In 2024, we opened Ireland's first MAR20X showroom, a state-of-the-art facility that reflects Mercedes-Benz's latest global retail concept. This space combines immersive digital technology with warm, human interaction, setting a new standard for automotive retail in Ireland. Our business is built on two guiding principles: Delivering the precision, innovation, and luxury expected of the Mercedes-Benz brand. Offering the friendliest and most personal customer experience in the Irish motor industry

BASED | DÚN LAOGHAIRE

WEBSITE | WWW.MSL.IE/EN/MERCEDES-BENZ/CONTACT-US/SOUTH-DUBLIN



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(LESS THAN 10 EMPLOYEES)

Care to Comfort
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CARE TO COMFORT

PROFILE

Care to Comfort is a proudly Irish, family-owned business specialising in the supply of electric adjustable beds, orthopaedic chairs, and comfort accessories. Yvonne and Martin built Care to Comfort around a simple idea: give people beds that not only work well, but look and feel good too, without the cold, medical look. Beds that help people live with dignity, and sleep in comfort.

Care to Comfort specialises in the design and supply of electric adjustable beds, orthopaedic chairs, and comfort accessories. We offer free consultations, either in our Sandyford showroom or in a client's home. During these visits, we take the time to understand medical needs, room layouts, and lifestyle preferences before recommending tailored solutions.

BASED | DUBLIN

WEBSITE | WWW.CARETOCOMFORT.IE



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SUNSTONE

PROFILE

Sunstone is an Irish B2B sales intelligence company whose core product is SaleSight powered by their proprietary, award winning technology MAPS. Sunstone offer customers a platform that helps businesses discover their best-fit customers, define ideal customer profiles (ICPs), map their market opportunity, and generate actionable sales and marketing data.

They offer several tiers (StartUp, SME and Enterprise), with features like analytics of existing top clients, prospect lists, sector insights, financial data and clean enriched data. Their aim is to reduce guesswork in sales outreach, align sales & marketing, and support growth.

BASED | DUBLIN

WEBSITE | WWW.SUNSTONE.IE



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PROFILE

Osborne is a Leading, International, Multi-Award Winning, Irish Owned Recruitment and Talent Specialist Consultancy with a reputation for Recruitment Excellence. Our expert team are driven by a culture of High Performance, High Commitment and High Quality, where we live and breathe our strong values of Excellence, Integrity, Collaboration, Care and Growth. Together, as One Team, we change people's lives.

As a Recruitment and Talent Specialist Consultancy, we partner with clients across multiple sectors from start-ups to multinationals, recruiting across specialisms ranging from Accountancy & Finance to Government & Public Sector. We support national clients like the Department of Enterprise as well as clients on a local level.

BASED | SANDYFORD

WEBSITE | WWW.OSBORNE.IE



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PROFILE

Blackrock Hospice is one of three hospices within Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services, Ireland's largest provider of specialist palliative care, supporting people in our South Dublin and Wicklow catchment area.

Our mission is to provide high quality, person-centred health and social care services. Palliative Care focuses on improving the quality of life of those with a life - limiting illness. For example, those coping with advanced cancer, Motor Neuron Disease, severe heart or kidney disease. Care is provided by a Consultant led multi - disciplinary team, working together to meet the physical, practical, social, emotional, spiritual needs of patients, families and care givers, with our key partners in the community. In 2024, we provided care to over 800 patients and their families, with demand rising annually.

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DUBLIN COOKERY SCHOOL

PROFILE

Dublin Cookery School offers a wide variety of evening, day, one week, and full-time 4 week courses, as well as year-round great selection of Growing Gourmets courses for teens and TY. We also welcome corporate clients on a weekly basis where we help them showcase their special event in a one-of-a-kind way.

At Dublin Cookery School we are constantly tweaking and developing content to keep things fresh, generous, exciting, and relevant. Guided by an unwavering work ethic and boundless curiosity in the culinary realm, Dublin Cookery School's team is wholeheartedly committed to assisting you in achieving your utmost potential.

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ST HELENS HOTEL

PROFILE

St. Helen's Hotel is a distinguished national monument, dating back to the 18th century. Once a grand private estate, the mansion reflects timeless Georgian architecture and historic charm. Surrounded by St. Helens Park and the property's own four acres of landscaped gardens; the hotel preserves Ireland's heritage while offering guests refined luxury in a uniquely elegant setting.

The accommodation provides upscale lodging with 151 spacious rooms and suites. Guests enjoy comfortable amenities, such as premium Egyptian-cotton linens, heavenly pillow topped beds and duck-down duvets.

BASED | BLACKROCK

WEBSITE | WWW.STHELENSHOTEL.IE


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INFLUENCIO MEDIA

PROFILE

Influencio Media delivered the digital marketing campaign for the Dalkey Lobster Festival 2025, combining a website refresh with a social media strategy across Instagram, TikTok, and Facebook. The campaign generated over 3,500 new followers, 1 million+ impressions, and 75,000 website visits in August.

The campaign successfully promoted local traders and sponsors, generated strong community engagement, and contributed to festival attendance of more than 45,000 people. As a result, the Dalkey Lobster Festival strengthened its position as a leading summer community event in Ireland.

BASED | DUBLIN

WEBSITE | WWW.GOINFLUENCIOMEDIA.COM



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THE ENGINE ROOM

PROFILE

At The Engine Room we create strategic, results-driven marketing campaigns that cut through the noise. Whether it's traditional, digital, or experiential, we craft solutions that connect with your audience and drive real impact. With a deep understanding of media, consumer behavior, and storytelling, we ensure your brand doesn't just reach people - it resonates.

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WEBSITE | WWW.THEENGINEROOM.IE



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DUNDRUM TOWN CENTRE

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DUNDRUM TOWN CENTRE

PROFILE

Beauty MRKT took place from 25–27 April at Dundrum Town Centre, transforming a vacant unit into an immersive experience designed to educate, entertain, and inspire beauty enthusiasts. The event featured panel talks, live demos, masterclasses, market-style stalls, and wellness experiences, celebrating Irish beauty talent and emerging brands.

Celebrity hairstylist Andrew Fitzsimons served as Brand Ambassador and featured in the interview series Mane Attraction: In Conversation with Andrew Fitzsimons, hosted by Triona McCarthy. Across the weekend, industry experts including Jennifer Rock, Kim O'Sullivan, and Áine Kennedy joined discussions covering beauty, grooming, and wellbeing.

BASED | SANDYFORD

WEBSITE | WWW.DUNDRUM.IE

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(l-r): Jennifer Brennan, Associate Partner; John Moore, Associate Partner; Charlene McCrossan, Partner; Andrew Duignan, Associate Partner; Brendan Mullally, Partner, Chair of Board; Richard McAufield, Associate Partner; Sinead McMahon, Partner; Aidan Heavey, Associate Partner.

RBK are delighted to recently announce the appointment of two new Partners and five new Associate Partners, bringing the firm's leadership team to 23 Partners. These appointments further enhance RBK's depth of expertise across key practice areas, including Tax Compliance & Consultancy, VAT, Audit & Assurance and Corporate Finance.

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STARLIGHT ADVISORS

PROFILE

Starlight Advisors is a regulated Irish Fintech investment advisor and wealth manager, delivering innovative, transparent asset management solutions to both business and retail clients, underpinned by global expertise and robust compliance.

At Starlight Advisors, transparency and trust are the cornerstones of our client relationships. We believe that financial services must be clear, accessible, and aligned with the best interests of those we serve, notwithstanding that we are also regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland. We ensure transparency by adopting a plain-language approach in all communications, eliminating jargon and providing clients with clear explanations of how their money is managed.

BASED | DUBLIN

WEBSITE | WWW.STARLIGHTADVISORS.IE



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PROFILE

LHK Group provides tailored financial planning and insurance services to owner-managers, entrepreneurs, sole traders, partnerships, and family businesses across a wide range of industries including retail, hospitality, tech, food&agri, professional services and more. Our advisory model is built on trust, transparency, and technical expertise, offering clients peace of mind in both personal and professional matters.

We serve clients through a proactive, solution-focused approach, leveraging deep market access in Ireland and the UK. Our recent acquisition of Finance One has further strengthened our wealth advisory capabilities, positioning us as a trusted partner in a consolidating market.

BASED | DUNDRUM

WEBSITE | WWW.LHKGROUP.IE



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ST JOSEPH'S AFC

PROFILE

The main purpose of our Social Enterprise is as a Community Football Club based in the DEIS area of Sallynoggin, Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown, where we facilitate children (Boys & Girls) from 4 years of age up to adulthood. We also act as a polling station as we have accessibility for everyone.

We employ 10 people (7 FTE), with 70% coming from the Pobal Target Group list. In addition to training, coaching and educating over 600 playing members, the club also opens up its facilities to wider community groups as follows to achieve the social and economic objectives as a Social Enterprise: Football facilities made available for the two local DEIS schools: St Kevin's NS & Holy Child Community School & the local 3rd level College, Sallynoggin College of Further Education.

BASED	DUBLIN
WEBSITE	WWW.JOEYS.IE



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THE GREAT CARE CO-OP

PROFILE

The Great Care Co-op is a social enterprise providing home support and care to older and vulnerable adults supporting them to age independently in their own homes.

We provide a range of non medical care services to support activities of daily living including personal care and grooming, social support and outings, meal prep and nutrition, wellbeing and companionship, to more specialised support for chronic conditions such as Dementia and Parkinson's. We are an approved HSE provider in the CHO6 region and deliver home care packages on behalf of the HSE, and we also provide care privately to clients

BASED | DÚN LAOGHAIRE

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MICHAEL BYRNE

PROFILE

Michael Byrne has been the driving force behind one of the most positive community and financial success stories in our region - Core Credit Union.

Since becoming CEO in 2011, Michael has shown extraordinary leadership and vision. He brought together a number of local Credit Unions - Shankill, Ballybrack, Dún Laoghaire, Sallynoggin, Monkstown Farm, Foxrock, and Dalkey - and, most recently, welcomed Greystones into the fold. His goal was simple but powerful: to modernise and strengthen the Credit Union movement while keeping its community-first ethos at its heart.

Michael's influence extends far beyond our borders.
He serves as a Director of the Irish League of Credit Unions, a Member of the Institute of Directors, and was recently appointed by the Minister for Finance to the Credit Union Advisory Committee, where he helps shape national policy for the entire sector.

He also co-founded the All-Ireland Credit Union Awards, recognising the dedication of staff and volunteers across the country.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber
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WHY CORE CREDIT UNION BECAME A CHAMBER MEMBER

"At Core Credit Union, we believe strong businesses create strong communities. Joining Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber allows us to connect with local enterprises, collaborate on shared challenges and contribute to the continued growth and prosperity of the county."

For more than six decades, Core Credit Union has been supporting individuals, families and businesses by providing trusted financial services built on community values. As a member-owned financial cooperative, the organisation is committed to helping people achieve financial wellbeing while reinvesting in the communities it serves.

Joining Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber reflects Core Credit Union's commitment to building meaningful partnerships with local businesses and playing an active role in shaping a vibrant, resilient local economy. Through networking, collaboration and shared advocacy, the Chamber provides an ideal platform to strengthen relationships across the county.

For Core Credit Union, supporting local enterprise goes beyond banking. It means understanding the needs of entrepreneurs, start-ups, SMEs and established businesses, while offering practical financial solutions that help organisations grow with confidence.

By combining modern financial services with the personal relationships that have always defined the credit union movement, Core Credit Union continues to offer a trusted alternative that places members at the heart of everything it does.



Membership of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Chamber also provides opportunities to collaborate on events, connect with fellow members and champion initiatives that strengthen the local business community. As both organisations share a commitment to sustainable economic development and community wellbeing, the partnership is a natural fit.

Looking ahead, Core Credit Union is excited to engage with Chamber members, support local enterprise and help create opportunities that benefit businesses, employees and communities across Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

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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.

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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.

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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

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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.

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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

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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.

Nomad

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

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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

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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

touch2sign

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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

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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

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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

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Bespoke Tailoring & Expert Alterations

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

RENEWABLES IRELAND

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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

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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

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CATEGORY 03 / THE FINALISTS

Climate Excellence Award
(Greater Than 100 Employees)

Talbot Hotel Stillorgan

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

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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

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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

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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

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EirGrid GROUP

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

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EirGrid GROUP

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

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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

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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 1984, 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

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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

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CORE CREDIT UNION
Live Life Better

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.apprcess.com

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CORE CREDIT UNION
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Corporate Community Impact Award

Frascati Centre

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

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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

Brady's of Shankill | Bart's Coffee Bar

Knockfodda Enterprises Limited

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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

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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. Our 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. We 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

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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.

https://www.esce.ie/

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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

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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

INSPIRED DESIGN
SEAMLESS DELIVERY

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/

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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.

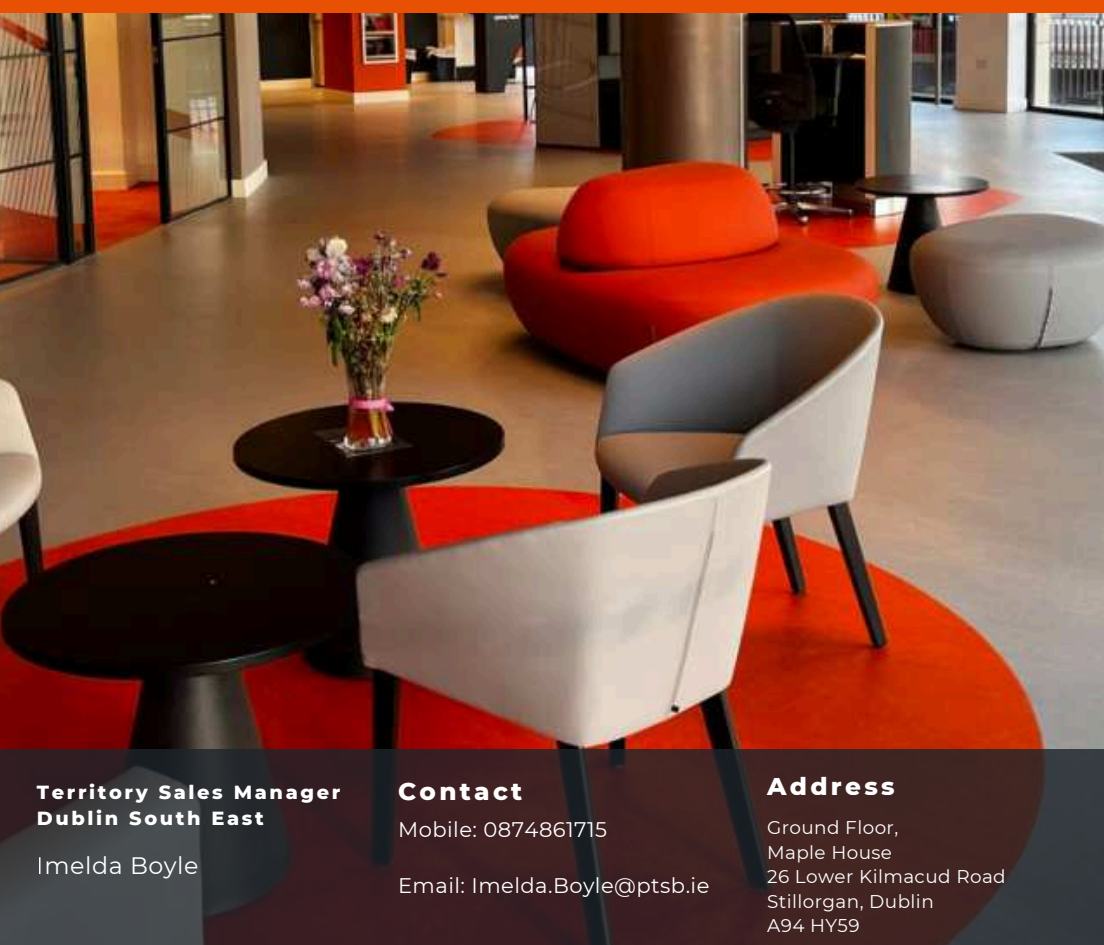
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Excellence in Tourism & Hospitality Award

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

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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

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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

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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

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Excellence in Tourism & Hospitality Award

Talbot Hotel Stillorgan

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

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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

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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

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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

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Irish National Sailing and Powerboat School

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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
Dublin's heart is racing

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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

SANDYFORD BUSINESS DISTRICT

Greater Dublin Chamber Alliance

In association with Fingal Chamber, County Kildare Chamber and South Dublin Chamber



NETWORKING EVENTS IN PICTURES











Members networking, sharing insights and building connections at the Greater Dublin Chamber Alliance event.

ABOUT THE GREATER DUBLIN CHAMBER ALLIANCE

The Greater Dublin Chamber Alliance brings together Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Chamber of Commerce, Fingal Chamber, County Kildare Chamber and South Dublin Chambers.

Through collaboration, the Alliance offers a stronger voice, wider networks and greater opportunities for members across the Greater Dublin Region.

This morning networking event supports business owners, senior leaders and decision-makers in building meaningful connections beyond their usual networks.

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B2B NETWORKING EVENTS 2026





EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



Members building relationships and expanding their networks



Inspiring talks and expert speakers on key topics



Sharing ideas and knowledge to drive business success



Industry updates and key business insights



Connecting members and opening doors to new business



Strengthen our local business community together

B2B Morning Networking at PTSB, Stillorgan

In association with PTSB Stillorgan



Bringing together members from across the DLR business community, every last Thursday Morning B2B in PTSB provided valuable opportunities to network, exchange ideas and strengthen professional connections in a welcoming and collaborative environment.

B2B Morning Networking at MBSL, Dundrum

In association with MBSL Accountants



DLR Chamber was delighted to host a Morning B2B networking event at MBSL Dundrum. Set in a fantastic venue, the event enabled members to strengthen connections, share experiences and engage with businesses across the DLR community, reinforcing collaboration and relationship-building.

We have also recently launched B2B morning meetups in the Talbot Hotel in Stillorgan and continue to use *The Glasshouses* in Dún Laoghaire.

TALBOT HOTEL STILLORGAN

THE GLASSHOUSES

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Building the Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown Chamber of tomorrow

This Forum magazine captures a year in which DLR County Chamber championed its members, supported a thriving evening economy, and pressed for investment in skills, sustainability and place. It is a record of what was achieved and a statement of intent, setting out the partnerships and priorities that will shape the county's next chapter.

Part of this vision is our call for a Maritime Academy, positioning Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown as a centre of excellence for the blue economy, innovation and skills. Our landmark Shared Island partnership with Bangor Chamber further strengthens opportunities for cross-border collaboration and economic growth and development of an East Coast Economic Corridor.

Together, we are building a stronger, more connected and influential Chamber, championing enterprise and creating opportunities for businesses, communities and future generations.

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