



CHAMBER LINK

The Voice of Business in South Dublin County



DEAR CHAMBER MEMBER

Welcome to the October edition of the South Dublin Chamber of Commerce Chamber Link. In recent weeks we have welcomed LUAS to the county and I would like to thank RPA & Connex Transport for making the launch a success. We welcome the additional service this will bring to the county and believe it will be an asset to the business community.

Due to effective lobbying on your behalf South Dublin County continues to enjoy one of the lowest increase in rates in the country. Our relationship with the South Dublin County Council is enhanced by the commitment of Chamber members represented on strategic policy committees, monitoring committees and other discussion fora within the county council.

This Chamber continues to offer members opportunities to network effectively at our events, and by effective networking increase demand for your products & services. Remember if you have a business need, call a fellow member first.

Wishing you all continued success in your business enterprise and looking forward to seeing you all at one of our future events.

Deirdre Mooney *President*

INDUSTRIAL UNITS TO RENT IN WHITETOWN BUSINESS PARK

Location
Whitestown Business Park is strategically located within 7 minutes drive from Tallaght Village, 5 minutes drive from The Square and approximately 3 miles from the M50 motorway providing rapid motorway access to all main routes from Dublin. Public transport to the area is excellent with a number of bus services running to the city centre and neighbouring suburbs.

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Unit 6 94 sq m (1007 sq ft)
Unit 17 75 sq m (804 sq ft)

If you would like to view these units or need more information, please contact Olivia Furlong at 4585 230 or e-mail: olivia@sdchamber.ie



Pictured at the South Dublin Chamber Golf Classic at South County Golf Club on 2nd September are the winning Bank of Ireland team: (L – R: Michael Flanagan, Deirdre Mooney, President, South Dublin Chamber, Noel McLoughlin, Iain Hastie, Bank of Ireland, Joe McCarron and Brian Harman, Bank of Ireland, Tallaght
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CHAMBER INFRASTRUCTURE STEERING GROUP UPDATE

The Chamber Infrastructure Committee is chaired by Declan Curtin of SIAC. The committee has divided its work for this year into three areas;

1. TRANSPORTATION 2. WASTE 3. COMMUNICATIONS

The committee last met on the 29th September and feedback from each working group is as follows;

TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP

Chaired by Declan Curtin (SIAC) this group is looking at all issues affecting transportation from roads to public transport.

At its last meeting the focus was primarily on roads and the working group is putting forward positions on the following;

- The M50 – emphasising the need for the upgrade of the key interchanges at the Red Cow roundabout and Lucan to happen quickly, along with the widening of the motorway to six lanes. The Chamber will also be continuing its work to have the tollbooth plaza extended and staggered.
- Inner orbital route.
- Proposed Outer Orbital Route.
- Difficulties accessing and exiting our business parks and industrial estates.
- Tendering process for infrastructure projects.

Chamber Survey

The chamber is currently planning its programme for 2005. In order to adequately respond to member's needs at local and national level and to continue to provide quality services we are currently surveying our members.

The Chamber obtains a high level response to this survey every year and the results are used to plan and shape the future activities so we accurately respond to member's needs. The survey results allow us to identify and focus our attention on the core issues affecting the business community.

Please take the time to fill in the attached questionnaire and help us shape the future of South Dublin. Please return to Sinead Ni Mhaille at South Dublin Chamber of Commerce, Tallaght Business Centre, Whitestown Business Park, Tallaght, Dublin 24.



Receiving the Vodafone Passion for the World Around us award L – R: Elaine Hurley, Vodafone, Anna Lee, Tallaght Partnership and Neil Murphy, Deputy President, South Dublin Chamber.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Chaired by Brian Buckley (Greyhound Recycling & Recovery) the working group is looking at issues relating to waste and the way that legislation impacts on our work. At its last meeting the group looked at;

- Packaging and recycling.
- Directive relating to electrical goods.
- Directive relating to the disposal of animal by-products.
- Good corporate governance relating to the disposal of waste and the businesses responsibilities.
- Best practice for companies of all sizes.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chaired by Peter Fox (Digicom), the committee is looking at the following;

- Current infrastructure of fixed lines, exchanges, bases stations and other parts of the communications infrastructure.
- Assessing future provision relating to the needs of business.
- Obstacles to planning and development of communications infrastructure.
- Further development of communications based industries in South Dublin.

Any queries or suggestions should be directed to Declan Curtin (SIAC) at declan.curtin@siac.ie

Tax Tip

Tax relief is available on tuition fees paid in respect of third level courses or qualifying training courses.

Typically, this relief would apply to fees paid in respect of most post-graduate courses or under-graduate courses undertaken in private institutions. The maximum claimable in a given year is €3,175 per course and a credit of 20% is granted in respect of this.

The relief may also be claimed in respect of approved training courses in the areas of foreign languages and information technology up to maximum of €1,270 per course.

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Pictured at the recent red line Luas launch L – R: Mayor Robert Dowds, Sean Crow T.D. Peter Byrne, Chief Executive, South Dublin Chamber of Commerce and John Curran T.D.

SPECIAL Request From RWPierce

SPECIAL REQUEST TO CHAMBER MEMBERS



CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?

We are trying to collect old redundant mobile phones for recycling. For every phone we receive we are able to donate €35 to our special charity which helps leukaemia sufferers to have a much greater chance of finding suitable bone marrow donors. To help us, can you please send us any old mobile phones you have to our address below?

Anything you have will be extremely welcome

Thank you

Contact **Jim Pierce at RWPierce (Ireland) Ltd**
 Deepwell, Kiltel, Naas, Co. Kildare
 on **01 4582929** or **Fax: 01 4582300**

SOUTH DUBLIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & VODAFONE CELEBRATE PASSION FOR THE WORLD AROUND US

Local Person Honoured with Prestigious Award

South Dublin Chamber of Commerce and Vodafone recently awarded Anna Lee the Vodafone Passion for the World Around Us Award. Anna Lee was selected from a shortlist of highly commendable nominations received from throughout South Dublin, for her outstanding work with a number of organisations including the Tallaght Partnership.

Speaking at the presentation, Neil Murphy, Deputy President, South Dublin Chamber of Commerce said, "We are truly delighted to be involved with the Vodafone Passion for the World Around Us Awards, an exciting new initiative that affords the Chamber a unique opportunity to applaud local people for the great work they do to improve the community in which we live".

The winner each quarter will be presented with a specially commissioned silver sculpture, exclusively designed by renowned Irish artist, Seamus Gill and a Vodafone Passion for the World Around Us Awards certificate.

Anyone who wishes to get involved can pick up a nomination form from South Dublin Chamber of Commerce and Vodafone stores or by logging on to www.vodafone.ie.

For further information, please contact:
 Mary Grassick
 South Dublin Chamber of Commerce
 Tel: 4585235 Email: mary@sdchamber.ie

Schools Business Partnership

Third Level Scholarship Awards

As part of its overall objective to assist the local schools in raising the general education attainment levels in South Dublin, the Schools Business partnership co-ordinates a third level scholarship scheme, designed in conjunction with the schools in 1998.

Thanks to the generosity of local businesses, students from low income and disadvantaged backgrounds are enabled to participate in higher education; young people who, without additional intervention, would probably not be able to undertake a third level opportunity and therefore not reach their full potential in educational terms. We hope your company will look favourably on this programme and its important objectives.

For further information please contact: **Mary Grassick, Schools Business Partnership Co-ordinator, on 4585235 or email: mary@sdchamber.ie**

STAFF NEWS

Sinéad Ni Mháille joins Chamber team

Sinéad Ni Mháille has recently been appointed Events / Policy Manager within the Chamber. Sinéad joins us from Fianna Fáil where she has worked since February 2000 as National Youth Officer and subsequently Regional Organiser, Connaught Ulster. She can be contacted at T: 4585243 or email: sinead@sdchamber.ie.

New Members

Company	Contact and Tel	Type of Business
Aspect one	Andrew Conlan-Trant 8259657	Business Consultants
Inside Business Dublin West	Michael Buckley 6010559	Magazine Publishing
Land Rover Irl Ltd	David Harpur 4292990	Motor Industry
Molmac Ltd	Jill Robins 4589666	Furniture Wholesaler
Premier Limousines Ltd	Tom Colton 4136888	Chauffeur Service
Repak Ltd	Declan Martin 4670190	Packaging recycling for Industry
Self Storage Ireland	Rory O'Meara 4148288	Storage
Tallaght 99FM	Deborah O'Neill 4623333	Community Radio Broadcast

New Corporate Member

We are delighted to welcome John Player & Sons as a corporate member
John Player & Sons

Contact: Deirdre Healy, Corporate Affairs Manager. Ph: 2434800
 Type of Business: Manufacture of Cigarettes

Pre-budget Submission

The Chamber will be making a pre-budget submission to the Minister for Finance. If there are any issues you would like included please contact Sinead Ní Mhaille at T: 4585243 or email: sinead@sdchamber.ie by date.

EVENTS

OCTOBER

Inside Business Magazine Grand Launch

Date: Tuesday 19th October

Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Venue: Limerick Suite, The Spa Hotel, Lucan

Cost: No cost, Refreshments available

An open invitation to all Dublin businesses to attend a free Business Networking Event courtesy of Inside Business Magazine.

To Book: Michael Buckley, Inside Business

Mobile: 087 9637561 email: Michael.buckley@insidebusiness.ie

NOVEMBER

Business Breakfast Briefing – Outlook for 2005, What lies ahead for your business

Date: Tuesday 2nd November

Time: 7.45am – 9.15am

Venue: Citywest Hotel, Saggart

Cost: €30 per person, (including full Irish or continental breakfast)

Guest Speaker: Jim Power, Chief Economist, Friends First

Member meets Member, Behind the Scenes hosted by Vhi Corporate Solutions

Date: Tuesday 23rd November

Time: 6.15pm – 8.15pm

Venue: Vhi Corporate Solutions Centre, Waverly Office Park, Old Naas Road, Dublin 12

An excellent opportunity to visit Vhi's new purpose built occupational health centre and network while availing of a complimentary health check.

Cost: No Cost, Refreshments available

DECEMBER

Post Budget Breakfast Briefing sponsored by Anglo Irish Bank

Date: Thursday 2nd December

Venue: Red Cow Moran Hotel

Cost: No Cost

Presented by Gerry O'Reilly of Newmarket Partnership

Christmas Lunch

Date: Thursday 9th December

Venue: Finnstown Countryhouse Hotel

Speaker: Aengus Fanning – Editor, Sunday Independent

To book any of the above contact: Sínead Ní Mhaille @ T: 4585243 or email: sinead@sdchamber.ie

2005 Yearbook and Membership Directory

We are currently preparing information for our 2005 Annual Yearbook and Membership Directory. To ensure that we have the correct details for your company on our database please ensure that you take the time to have a look at the enclosed form and amend where necessary.

Please note that any information contained in the Annual Yearbook and Membership Directory will be available to other Chamber members. Note: It is Chamber policy not to pass on email addresses to either Chamber members or any other third party. Please post back this information to South Dublin Chamber of Commerce, Tallaght Business Centre, Whitestown Business Park, Tallaght, Dublin 24 by Friday 12th November.

For your further information you should receive in the near future a call from Fran Frawley. Fran is authorised by the Chamber to contact members on our behalf to sell advertising space in our Yearbook and Membership Directory.

Should you have any queries, comments or concerns please contact Elaine at T: 4585234 or email: elaine@sdchamber.ie

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at ph: 4585234 or email: elaine@sdchamber.ie**