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News...**Speed Networking**

Do you want to meet 25 new contacts in one morning?

South Dublin Chamber is organising a Speed Networking Event in the Clarion Hotel, Liffey Valley on Thursday 13 March 2008. This event is sponsored by Davy and is being held in conjunction with Blanchardstown Chamber and the South Dublin Chamber Women in Business network. To make a booking or for further information, contact Mary Grassick, T: 4585235 E: mary@sdchamber.ie

Extreme Business Makeover

A 1-day seminar featuring Simon Woodroffe OBE, formerly of Dragon's Den and founder of Yo!Sushi on 12 March 2008 will show business owners and managers how to transform their business through innovation and technology. Speakers include:

- Simon Woodroffe OBE, formerly of Dragon's Den and founder of Yo!Sushi;
- Joe Eustace, FIEI Principal Consultant, Convergent Solutions, BT Ireland;
- Dermot Griffin, Chief Executive, The National Lottery;
- Keith Lowe, FIAVI MIPAV, CEO, Douglas Newman Good;
- Nick Mulcahy, Editor, Business Plus Magazine (Chair);
- Brian McIntyre, Head of Research and Development, Sage Ireland; and
- Aileen O'Toole, Managing Director, AMAS.

Cost: €225 + VAT.

For further information and a booking form, contact Mary Grassick, T: 4585235 E: mary@sdchamber.ie or Gail Eames, Commercial Director, South Dublin Chamber

The seminar is sponsored by BT and Sage Ireland. It is organised in association with Accel and partnered with Business Plus.

Plato Dublin Small Business Development Programme

A new 20-month programme will commence in **May 2008** funded by the 4 Dublin Enterprise Boards.

PLATO Dublin is a business-to-business support network for **Owner-Managers** who wish to successfully develop their businesses. Plato provides practical training, business counselling and support so that you can acquire the skills necessary to help your business grow and prosper. It provides an environment for owner managers to learn from one another and share their experiences. It also provides access to large company expertise and knowledge too.

Plato is established in eleven countries in Europe. Over 9000 small and medium sized companies have taken part in the scheme and as a result have experienced substantial benefits. An opportunity to take part in this exciting

programme is now being offered to companies located in the Dublin area. For more information please contact Mary Keely on 016763973 or email dublin@plato.ie.

South Dublin Chamber Calendar of Events 2008

March 2008

Speed Networking

Venue: The Clarion Hotel Liffey Valley Lucan
 Date: Thursday 13th March 2008
 Time: 8.00am - 8.15am Registration -Tea/Coffee - 1.00pm Buffet Lunch
 Cost: **Euro 75.00 per person**
Event Sponsored by Davy

Networking Event

Venue: Eden Training Rathfarnham Dublin
 Date: Wednesday 26th March 2008
 Time: 6.00pm - 8.00pm - Refreshments Available
 Cost: No Cost to Chamber Members
Event Hosted by Eden Training - Free Prize Draw

April 2008

Networking Event

Venue: Tallaght Cross Hotel, Tallaght Dublin
 Date: Tuesday 8th April 2008
 Time: 6.00pm - 8.00pm - Refreshments Available
 Cost: No Cost to Chamber Members
Event Hosted by Tallaght Cross Hotel - Free Prize Draw

June 2008

Annual Presidents Lunch

Venue: Citywest Golf & Conference Hotel
 Date: Friday 20th June 2008
 Time: 12.30pm - 3.00pm
 Speaker: Commissioner Charlie McCreevey
 Cost: E75.00 Per Person / Table of 10 E750.00 - **Booking Essential**
Event Sponsored by A.I.B. Naas Road Business Centre

September 2008

Annual Golf Outing

Venue: Dun Laoghaire Golf Club
 Date: Friday 19th September 2008
 Time: 12.00pm Light Lunch followed by Shotgun Start at 12.30pm
 Evening BBQ & Prize Giving.
 Cost: TBC
Booking is essential

December 2008

Post Budget Breakfast
 Venue: TBC
 Date: TBC
 Time: 7.30am Registration 9.00am Close. Full Irish & Continental Breakfast served.
 Cost: **No Cost to Members**

Annual Christmas Lunch

Venue: TBC

Date: December 2008
 Time: 12.30pm - 3.00pm approximately
 Speaker: TBC
 Cost: TBC

Other Events...

Rethinking The City Conference 2008

Date: **Friday 4th April 2008**

Time: 09.00 - 17.30

Cost: €120 if you book before March 10th (€150 thereafter)

Bookings 01 674 5773 or www.cultivate.ie

Cultivate Centre is pleased to announce its annual Urban Planning Conference. This year's theme is "**De-carbonising our Urban Environment**". The event will feature leading international speakers and case studies from Ireland, the UK and the US including **Daniel Lerch**, the Programme Manager of the California based Post Carbon Institute and author of Post Carbon Cities, **Megan Quinn Bachman**, Outreach Director for The Community Solution in Yellow Springs, Ohio, **Paul Allen**, the Development Director of the Centre for Alternative Technology (CAT) in Wales and **Duncan Stewart**, Irish environmentalist and broadcaster. **Minister Eamon Ryan** will open the day.

The conference will explore strategies for reducing energy use and carbon emissions in the built environment with a focus on ecological design, urban food systems, sustainable transport, and systems thinking. Participants will learn about integrative approaches to planning and development that foster community resilience and sustainability.

Who Should Attend?

Planners, architects, urban designers, traffic engineers, city councilors, city development boards, civil servants, property developers and businesses, environmental and Agenda 21 officers, community organisations, environmental NGOs and concerned citizens.

For more information including the full day schedule see

http://www.cultivate.ie/learning/powerdown/rethinking_the_city.html

Supported by Dublin City Council, Comhar (the National Sustainable Development Council) and the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

Challenge Towards World Class Manufacturing (WCM)

16-20th June 2008

To analyse key Japanese business practices & manufacturing methods: 'KAIZEN' (incremental improvement), 'JIT' (Just in Time), 'TQC' (Total Quality Control) and 'TQM' (Total Quality Management). Includes visits to some of the world's most advanced factories.

WCM 2008 spring session

Training dates: 16th – 20th June 2008

Application deadline: 20th March 2008

Pre-departure briefing: April 2008

For further information contact Mary Mooney mary.mooney@chambers.ie

Advertising Opportunities

Marketing Mailshot

For just €310 + VAT, members can have an A4 flyer distributed to approximately 700 contacts on our mailing list. This price is based on a minimum of 4 participants per mailshot. A Chamber branded letter is included in the mailing to introduce each of the offers included. If you wish to participate please contact Mary Grassick T: 01 4585235; E: mary@sdchamber.ie

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