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News

Chambers Ireland Calls for Speed and Certainty in Planning Process (16/10/07)

David Pierce, President of Chambers Ireland, speaking before the annual Local Economic Development (LED) Conference said: "Local economic development is central to the future growth of the Irish economy. However, there are a number of obstacles currently hindering its full realisation – most notably the lack of speed and certainty in planning decisions. This concern is impeding commercial and other business decisions while also raising the cost of development for companies. Chambers Ireland therefore calls for certainty regarding timelines as the current inadequacy is unacceptable. It is essential that when planning decisions are made, they are upheld and supported. In the past, many Irish-based developments have been significantly delayed by campaigning minorities – as is currently the case with the M3 motorway and at Bellanaboy. This not only hinders investment, but also has a significant impact on future investment and has the potential to tarnish Ireland's reputation as a good location for business. Unless planning decisions, arrived at following due process, are supported unequivocally, local development will continue to be impeded. The development of adequate LED strategies should therefore be integral to the broader strategic planning processes for all regions".

Launch of new Chamber Translation Services

South Dublin Chamber is delighted to announce another value-added new service for its member companies. With new immigrants accounting for over 10% of Ireland's residents, companies are required to make Health & Safety and other key company documentation available to non-native speakers of English in their mother tongue. Moreover, since the introduction of The Official Languages Act (2005), it is not only public bodies that are making information available as *Gaeilge*, but many private firms too. This allows them to differentiate themselves as being distinctively Irish in an increasingly global marketplace.

The availability of trustworthy translation services, therefore, is now crucial to the success of Irish businesses today. Hence the establishment of Chamber Translation Services; a comprehensive range of proven translation services, that meet the highest professional standards is a very timely initiative indeed.

Chamber Translation Services offers multi-lingual translation services and localisation solutions for all translation requirements. Through a dedicated translation partner, Chamber Translation Services offer companies access to a global team of localisation experts who will assist you in successfully communicating with your local end-users. Native speakers with specialist subject matter expertise are assigned to each and every assignment providing translations in 139 languages, ranging from Afar to Zulu.

Chamber Translation Services offers cost effective translation services to businesses who benefit from pricing negotiated by Chambers Ireland at national level.

For a free quotation, please contact South Dublin Chamber, maryb@sdchamber.ie T: 4585234.

Women in Business Network

Following the success of the one-day event in the Tower Hotel, Tallaght in October, Gail Eames, Commercial Director is busy planning the next Women in Business event – a **themed Christmas evening** at the Louis Fitzgerald Hotel on Tuesday, 29 November 2007. Further information will be available on www.sdchamber.ie shortly.

Flexible Working Seminar

Chambers Ireland is hosting a free lunchtime seminar focusing on the factors behind facilitation greater female participation in the workplace on Wednesday 31 October 2007 in the Alexander Hotel, Dublin 2 from 12.45 – 2.00 pm. Attendance is free but please register with Jessica.dempsey@chambers.ie as places are strictly limited

Business Mission to West Lothian Chamber, Scotland

South Dublin Chamber are running a business mission to West Lothian Chamber, Scotland on 30 November 2007. If anyone is interested in doing business in Scotland or wants more information, contact Mary Burke, T: 4585234, email: maryb@sdchamber.ie

Delegation to Visit Derry Chamber

South Dublin Chamber are organising a visit to Derry Chamber on 22 November 2007. If anyone is interested in being part of this delegation please contact Mary Burke, T: 4585234, email: maryb@sdchamber.ie

Invitation to meet IT companies from Pakistan

South Dublin Chamber and the Pakistani Export Board have organised a meeting with representatives from IT companies in Pakistan who want to meet Irish IT firms with a view to creating business opportunities to (i) promote IT services and solutions, (ii) create new business opportunities and (iii) establish partnership agreements. This will take place on **Wednesday 7 November 2007 at 11.00 a.m. in the Chamber offices**. If you would like a list of companies attending or would like to attend the event, contact: Mary Burke T: 4585234, email: maryb@sdchamber.ie

Hallowfest

The second annual Hallowfest will take place on October 28 and 29 in the grounds of County hall in Tallaght and in the Dublin Mountains. At this family celebration there will be fireworks, face-painting, fire jugglers, stilt walkers, storytelling, a spooky walk, a treasure hunt and a children's halloween parade. South Dublin Chamber is the proud sponsor of the fireworks display which will take place at 5.30 p.m. in the grounds of the Institute of Technology, Tallaght

Forthcoming Events

- **Hallowfest** takes place on Sunday **28** and Monday **29 October 2007** in the grounds of South Dublin County Council, Tallaght. For more information, see www.hallowfest.ie or contact Marguerite Osborne, T: 4149339, email: info@southdublintonism.ie
- **Anti-Racist Workplace Week**, 5-11 November 2007
- **Delegation to visit Derry Chamber**, 22 November 2007
- **Themed Christmas Event for SDC Women in Business Network**, 29 November 2007, The Louis Fitzgerald Hotel, Tallaght
- **Delegation to visit West Lothian Chamber** – St. Andrew's Day Celebration and West Lothian Business Awards Friday, **30 November 2007 – Saturday, 1 December 2007**
- **Post-Budget Analysis**, 7.30 a.m. – 9.00 a.m. Thursday 6 December 2007. Venue tbc
- **German-Irish Chamber Annual Christmas Lunch**, 6 December 2007 (E: holger.erdmann@german-irish.ie)
- **Annual Christmas Lunch**, 12.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. Friday 14 December 2007
- **Foreign Direct Investment in Japan Training Mission**, 18-22 February 2008

Marketing 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; email:

mary@sdchamber.ie

South Dublin Chamber Member Directory and Yearbook 2008 – Advertising Opportunities

Costs for advertising in South Dublin Chamber Member Directory and Yearbook 2008:

Inside Front Cover	€1,950
Inside Back Cover	€1,950
Full Page	€950
Half Page	€550
Quarter Page`	€350
Trademark logos	€100

All prices are subject to 21% VAT.

Free artwork service on all advertisements

For further details, contact Mary Burke T: 4585234, E: maryb@sdchamber.ie

If you want to make any changes to your company's entry please fax your response to us (F: 4599512) or email Mary Burke, E: maryb@sdchamber.ie before 2 November, 2007.