



**South Dublin  
Chamber**  
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Dear Members,

The year started well with South Dublin County Council confirming there will be no increase in commercial rates. This is very welcome as the cost base for business has been rising very fast with additional staff costs brought in by Government and additional increases in energy.

For the rest of the year the indicators are positive and optimistic for Ireland's economic outlook in 2025 with several key indicators suggesting robust growth. The European Commission projects a GDP growth of 4.0% in 2025, following a slight contraction in 2024. This rebound is anticipated to be driven by a strong labour market, low headline inflation, and a favourable external environment. The commitment by the EU to greatly reduce the bureaucracy imposed on business through a review of newly proposed legislation and its impact on business with a review of existing legislation is welcome. The launch this month of the EU Compass offers a positive contribution from the EU to help sustain growth. This is one of many initiatives that need to be brought forward as outlined in the Draghi Report published last October 2024.

Our multinationals are a key part of our economy and in South Dublin we welcome their major contribution to both our county and our country. If we look at Modified Domestic Demand (MDD), which offers a picture of domestic economic activity not including the multinational sector, it is expected to grow between 3% and 3.5% in 2025. This growth is underpinned by steady employment rates and real wage increases, bolstering household incomes and consumer spending.

Inflation rates have been on a downward trend, with headline inflation projected at 1.9% for 2025. The labour market remains robust, with the unemployment rate stable at approximately 4.4%. Employment growth is expected to continue, supported by high net inward migration and increased labour force participation.

The key challenges that are under our own control are infrastructure, housing, energy production and supply, water supply and distribution and climate abating measures. For too long our focus has been short term without the investment and planning for the longer term; this has caught up with us and needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency, starting with the endless problems with our national planning system.

Global geopolitical tensions and the possibility of increased protectionist measures, particularly from the U.S., could impact Ireland's trade dynamics. Given Ireland's significant economic ties with U.S. multinational corporations, any shifts in U.S. trade policy may influence corporate decisions and, by extension, the Irish economy. Our multinationals have strong roots here and a committed and talented workforce; these are key factors when considering any future changes.

In summary, while Ireland's economic prospects for 2025 are positive, with expectations of strong growth, low inflation, and a resilient labour market, it remains essential to monitor external factors that could pose risks to this outlook and for all our members to remain adaptable and resilient.

**Thomas Stone**  
President, South Dublin Chamber



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## NEWSLETTER

### Spring 2025



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## EU UK Trade



Peter Byrne CEO with Maroš Šefčovič Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security; Interinstitutional Relations and Transparency

Always good to talk with Maroš Šefčovič Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security; Interinstitutional Relations and Transparency. His work on EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement has been very positive and the good relations he has forged with his UK counterparts is very beneficial for all.

As an EU representative to the EU UK Domestic Advisory Group (DAG) I hear firsthand the challenges those most affected by the operation of the UK -EU Trade and Cooperation agreement are facing and work with the Commission is resolving these challenges.

The UK is no longer in the Single Market and Customs Union. This means that any business, regardless of size, who moves goods from, to or through Great Britain is now subject to a range of new customs formalities and other regulatory requirements. There are many resources available to assist business from both the Irish and British Government if you have problems accessing these please contact the Chamber office.

Peter Byrne  
CEO

## Demystifying Data Centres



What a surprise to see to see the Think Big Space (Tallaght) AWS van in Brussels and catch up with Brendan Cannon, Global Engagement Programs AWS

A little bit of home is always a good experience. I was attending a seminar on Demystifying Data Centres and their role in the EU's Twin Transition. Very good speakers including MEP Barry Cowan and Niamh Gallagher, Director, Infrastructure Public Policy (EMEA) AWS.

## EU Bureaucracy



EU regulation is a powerful tool that enables trade between countries that is beneficial and essential to our economies both within the EU.

This same bureaucracy protects consumers and safeguards our interests in many fields from shopping online to medicine control. It is needed and valued, however sometimes you can have too much regulation. With 98% of EU firms defined as SMEs we need a more user friendly responsive regulatory system. Currently 61% of businesses see EU regulation as an obstacle to investment.

I along with other EU employers' representatives from across the EU were able to raise these issues with Antonio Costa, President of the European Council when he addressed our meeting last week. We made clear the EU's competitiveness is at risk, and we can see first the struggles of our members to deal with these challenges including too many rules and procedures for businesses. It was made clear there have been too many declarations with too little action, too many promises with little results. We specifically asked that to enable us to get back our competitive edge that the many adopted plans of the EU like the SME test are implemented.

A clear example of the multitude of over regulation can be seen in one simple example in the Draghi Report. In the last 5 years the US published 3,000 new pieces of legislation relating to business the EU published 13,000 that's 10,000 more pieces of legislation we need to deal with than those firms based in the US.

If you have examples of over regulation or cumbersome paperwork that could be simplified please email [majella@sdchamber.ie](mailto:majella@sdchamber.ie)

## Congratulations to Lucy Nugent



Our warmest congratulations go to Lucy Nugent, former CEO of Tallaght University Hospital and Board member of South Dublin Chamber. Lucy has been appointed as the new Chief Executive of Children's Health Ireland (CHI), the organisation responsible for providing healthcare services to children and young people across the State. The new Children's Hospital will have a major impact on the care and health of children, it will be one of the most technologically advanced hospitals in the world and will be a leading hospital in the advancement of children's health.

## Eurochambres News - Competitiveness Compass: It's time to move on from window dressing to substantive initiatives & reforms.



The long-awaited "Competitiveness Compass for the EU" was presented by the European Commission on 29th January, jointly with the Annual Single Market and Competitiveness Report. While the latter points to a worrying increase in EU's market fragmentation, the former should represent the economic doctrine for the years to come.

While fully supporting all efforts to revive Europe's competitiveness, Eurochambres questioned in its initial reaction whether the Compass will significantly shift the needle for our struggling business community.

Eurochambres President Vladimír Dlouhý, commented: "It is time to move on from window dressing to substantive initiatives and far-reaching reforms that will stimulate innovation, investment and employment, starting I hope with next month's simplification omnibus package."

## Corporate Members Lunch



We had a very enjoyable and informative lunch with Colm Ward the County Chief Executive. Colm engaged in a fireside chat with our former Chamber President, now President of Chambers Ireland, Margaret Considine. Colm engaged in questions relating to many of the issues impacting business in the county including energy, planning, housing, rates and infrastructure.

## Major Movie Studio coming to South Dublin County

South Dublin Chamber welcomes the good news that planners have given the go-ahead for proposed "Dublin Fields" movie studios for a site in South Dublin that may create as many as 2,800 jobs on and off site when operational.



South Dublin County Council awarded a 10-year planning permission to Lens Media Ltd for the 56-acre site which includes 20 individual structures amounting to over 74,000sq m of gross floor space. The development includes six buildings that comprise 11 internal sound stages along with ancillary offices at Grange Castle Business Park, Co Dublin.

A planning report by consultants Tom Phillips+ Associates lodged with the application stated that Dublin Fields "will have all the elements that will lure top productions from around the world."

The planning report stated that the project "will be a world class studio" and occupy the top tier of movie studios globally alongside Pinewood in London and Trilith in the US.

A spokeswoman for Lens Media said the studios "will more than double the current soundstage offering in Ireland, acting as a catalyst for the indigenous screen industry and catering for growing, unmet production needs. Once fully operational it will directly support in the region of 2,800 jobs and over 2,100 indirectly.

In their report, Tom Phillips+ Associates stated: "We believe this will be the largest stage in the European Union, and a unifying step in making Ireland a new hub for the movie and TV industry."



## Why South Dublin County is a Prime Location for Businesses

South Dublin County has emerged as one of Ireland's most attractive locations for businesses, offering a unique combination of affordability, accessibility, and a thriving economic environment. Whether you're a startup looking for a cost-effective base or a multinational company seeking a strategic location, South Dublin County provides numerous advantages.

### 1. A Thriving Business Hub

South Dublin County is home to some of Ireland's most successful business parks, including Citywest Business Campus, Grange Castle Business Park, and Greenogue Business Park. These hubs attract a mix of multinational corporations, tech firms, and small-to-medium enterprises (SMEs), contributing to a dynamic business ecosystem.

The presence of industry leaders in technology, pharmaceuticals, logistics, and manufacturing highlights our counties reputation as a business-friendly environment. Companies such as Amazon, Google, and Microsoft have chosen South Dublin County for its strategic advantages.

### 2. A Skilled and Growing Workforce

One of the key factors in business success is access to a skilled workforce. South Dublin County benefits from its proximity to leading educational institutions, such as TU Dublin (Tallaght Campus). Excellent Primary and Secondary schools and training agencies such as the Education and Training Board.

With a young and diverse population, the county provides a steady talent pool for businesses across various sectors, from tech and finance to hospitality and retail.

Did you know that South Dublin County has a population of 301,705 (2022) making it the fourth most populous county in the State.

### 3. Excellent Transport and Connectivity

South Dublin County offers exceptional transport links, making it highly accessible to employees, customers, and suppliers.

- The M50, N7, and N81 motorways provide seamless connectivity to Dublin city, the airport, and the rest of Ireland.
- The Luas Red Line serves key areas, including Tallaght and Citywest, offering a convenient commute.
- An extensive bus network further enhances public transport options.
- Dublin Airport is within 30-40 minutes by car, making international business travel effortless.

For companies involved in distribution and logistics, these transport links are particularly beneficial, ensuring efficient movement of goods and services.

### 4. Cost-Effective Alternative to Dublin City

While Dublin city remains a popular business destination, high property costs and congestion make South Dublin County a more attractive alternative. Businesses can benefit from:

- Lower commercial rental prices compared to city centre locations.
- Affordable housing options for employees, enhancing recruitment and retention.

- A high quality of life, with access to green spaces, shopping centres, and cultural amenities.

This combination makes South Dublin County an appealing choice for businesses looking to optimize costs without sacrificing connectivity and market access.

### 5. A Growing Market with Strong Consumer Demand

South Dublin's population is rapidly growing, creating increased demand for businesses across various industries, including:

- Retail and hospitality (shopping centres like Liffey Valley and The Square Tallaght).
- Healthcare and wellness services, driven by a rising population.
- Professional and financial services, catering to both residents and businesses.

For companies looking to tap into a growing local market, South Dublin County offers a strong customer base with disposable income and diverse consumer needs.

### 6. Business Grants and Support Services

Starting or expanding a business in South Dublin County comes with several incentives, thanks to government-backed support programs.

- The Local Enterprise Office (LEO South Dublin) provides grants, training, and networking opportunities for small to medium businesses.
- Enterprise Ireland supports startups and businesses looking to scale internationally.
- IDA Ireland facilitates investment opportunities for multinational companies.

These resources make it easier for entrepreneurs and business owners to establish and grow their presence in the region.

### 7. High Quality of Life for Employees

Attracting and retaining talent is crucial for business success, and South Dublin County offers a balanced lifestyle that appeals to employees. The area features:

- Excellent schools and childcare facilities, ideal for families.
- Parks and recreational spaces, including Tymon Park and the Dublin Mountains.
- A variety of shopping, dining, and entertainment options.

For businesses focused on employee well-being and work-life balance, South Dublin County provides an attractive setting that enhances job satisfaction and productivity.

### Conclusion: The Ideal Business Destination

South Dublin County offers the perfect mix of accessibility, affordability, and a thriving business ecosystem. Whether you're a startup, an SME, or a multinational enterprise, the county provides all the resources needed to succeed.

With excellent infrastructure, a skilled workforce, and strong government support, South Dublin County stands out as one of the best places to set up and grow a business in Ireland.

For more information on locating in South Dublin County visit [www.southdublinbusinesslocation.com](http://www.southdublinbusinesslocation.com)

## Exploring South Dublin County

**Have you ever thought of what there is to explore around your business here in South Dublin County?**

South Dublin County offers a wealth of attractions for visitors and locals alike, combining history, outdoor adventure, and family-friendly activities. Whether you're looking for a leisurely stroll through picturesque parks or an immersive historical experience, there's something for everyone. Here are some of the must-visit spots in South Dublin County:



### Clondalkin Round Tower

One of the most significant historical landmarks in South Dublin County, Clondalkin Round Tower dates back to the 8th or 9th century. Standing at approximately 25.6 meters, this well-preserved tower is one of the finest examples of Ireland's medieval round towers. Today, it houses a museum and café, offering visitors an engaging insight into the region's monastic past.

### Dublin Mountains Way

For hiking and outdoor enthusiasts, the Dublin Mountains Way presents a stunning adventure. Stretching 42 kilometres from Shankill to Tallaght, the trail takes hikers through lush forests, open mountainsides, and sites of historical interest. The scenic beauty of the area, coupled with panoramic views of Dublin city, makes this trek a rewarding experience.



### Corkagh Park

Located in Clondalkin, Corkagh Park is a sprawling green space perfect for family outings. The park features well-maintained walking trails, fishing ponds, sports facilities, and a dedicated cycle track. With a variety of recreational options, it's a great place to enjoy a sunny day outdoors.

### Tymon Park

Spanning over 300 acres between Tallaght and Templeogue, Tymon Park is one of the largest public parks in South Dublin County. It boasts woodlands, open green spaces, and scenic ponds fed by the River Poddle. Multiple playgrounds and walking trails make it an ideal destination for families, joggers, and nature lovers alike.



### Dodder Park

Following the course of the River Dodder, Dodder Park provides a tranquil escape from the city. The park's walking and cycling paths meander along the river, offering visitors picturesque views and the chance to spot local wildlife. With picnic areas and scenic spots along the way, it's a great place to relax and unwind.

South Dublin County is rich in history and natural beauty, making it a fantastic place to explore. Whether you're looking for cultural landmarks, hiking trails, or serene parks, this region offers something special for every visitor. Next edition we will share you many more ways to enjoy our County

## Chamber Engagement

Would you like to be more involved in the Chamber, if so we have a board, forums and subcommittees addressing specific industry needs that you are very welcome to engage with.

### 1. Tourism Committee

Our Tourism Committee is chaired by Adrian Foy, General Manager, Clayton Hotel Liffey Valley. The committee is for those in the Tourism and Hospitality Industry and addresses issues that impact this sector. When needed experts are invited to attend to address specific issues of interest to the group. This group has three meetings a year.

### 2. Data Centre and Energy Committee

Our Data Centre and Energy Committee is chaired by Damien Gaynor, Chief Marketing Officer at Echelon Data Centres. The committee is for those who are involved with data centres and energy production and distribution. The committee is also a good place to share information with other members on what is happening locally. This group has three meetings a year.

### 3. CSR Committee

Our CSR Committee has the goal of connecting business to our key community / voluntary groups in the county. This is a positive space for the sharing of information and forging new connections. This committee meets twice a year.

### 4. ESG Committee

Our ESG Committee brings together practitioners and businesses who want to share and learn more about Environmental Social and Governance (ESG). The Committee aims to heighten understanding on all aspects of ESG, assist members with any challenges they may face relating to ESG reporting and showcase how locally they can achieve some of the ESG goals. This committee meets twice a year.

### 5. Chamber HR Forum

The Chamber HR Forum is chaired by Moira Grassick, Chief Operating Officer, Peninsula Business Services, Ireland. The Forum brings senior HR professionals together to share best practice and thinking in HR and employment law and creates a network among HR executives in South Dublin County. With many employment changes being introduced regarding entitlements and reporting it can be hard to ensure you have everything covered. Learning from the experts and sharing real life challenges ensures this forum works for those in the HR field.

If you would like more information on any of the Chambers Committees please contact [majella@sdchamber.ie](mailto:majella@sdchamber.ie)

### Chamber Council

The Chamber Council is the board of South Dublin Chamber and is made up of a cross representation of the Chamber membership. The Council meet six times a year 50% of meetings are in person and 50% online. Meetings are normally between 8am and 9:30am. Our AGM where Council members are elected this year takes place on Wednesday 14th May in the Maldron Hotel Tallaght at 9:30am. If you would like to know more about the Chamber Council or any other aspect of the Chambers governance, please contact our CEO Peter Byrne at [business@sdchamber.ie](mailto:business@sdchamber.ie)



## South Dublin Chamber 2024 Business Awards

Celebrating the achievements and contributions of South Dublin County's vibrant business community.

A heartfelt thank you to all the businesses who joined us at the 2024 South Dublin County Business Awards, held at the Maldron Hotel Tallaght!



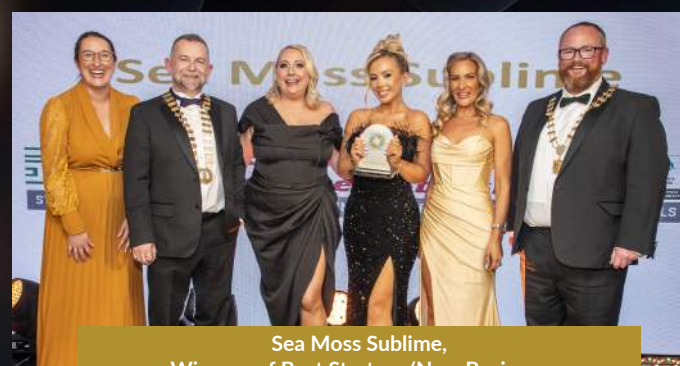
**Don Clarke, CEO, Impact Ireland (Metals) Ltd,**  
Winner of South Dublin County  
Business Person of the Year  
*Sponsored by South Dublin County Council*



**3 Dental,**  
Winners of Best Workplace  
*Sponsored by Schneider Electric*



**Chloe Wallace - Maldron Hotel Newlands Cross,**  
Winner of Employee of the Year  
*Sponsored by Greenogue & Aerodrome Business Parks*



**Sea Moss Sublime,**  
Winners of Best Start-up/New Business  
*Sponsored by Impact Ireland (Metals) Ltd*



**Hermitage Payroll Services,**  
Winners of Best Small Business  
*Sponsored by Crowe Ireland*

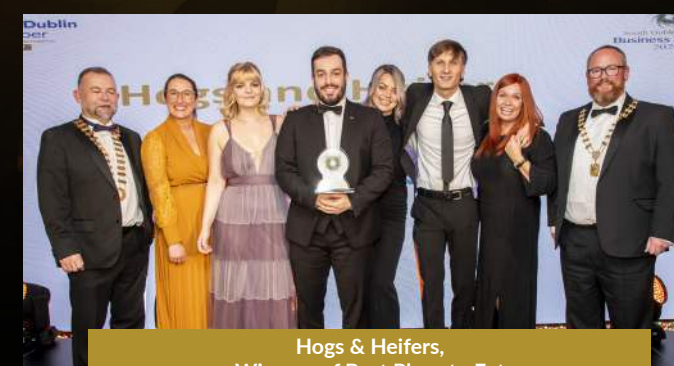
## South Dublin Chamber 2024 Business Awards



**Sweet Cicely,**  
Winners of Best Medium Size Business  
*Sponsored by Greyhound Recycling*



**Peamount Healthcare,**  
Winners of Best Not-for-Profit Organisation  
*Sponsored by Amazon Web Services*



**Hogs & Heifers,**  
Winners of Best Place to Eat  
*Sponsored by OGX Marketing*



**Greyhound Recycling,**  
Winners of Innovation in Business Award  
*Sponsored by Google Ireland*



**Noel Gavin of KennCo Insurance,**  
Winner of Best Networker Award  
*Sponsored by Maldron Hotels*



**North at the Address Citywest,**  
Winners of the Customer Service  
- Tourism & Hospitality Award  
*Sponsored by Dublin Outdoors*



**Phoenix Gymnastics,**  
Winners of Best Sport & Leisure Award  
*Sponsored by TU Dublin*



**Thorntons Recycling,**  
Winners of Best Family Owned & Managed Business  
*Sponsored by PTSB*



## Tesco Ireland Expands Stronger Starts Food Programme to 80 More Schools



Tesco Ireland is adding 80 new DEIS schools to its Stronger Starts Food Programme, which provides free fresh fruit and vegetables to primary school children. New research from IPSOS B&A highlights the programme's significant health, educational, and financial benefits for families:

Tesco Stronger Starts Food Impact Report findings – additional detail.

### 1. Nutritional Support and Healthy Eating

- 4 out of 5 parents/guardians agree that Tesco Stronger Starts Food is positively impacting children's diet/physical health. This sentiment is also reflected by two-thirds of educators.
- 82% have noticed a greater interest in eating healthier food and snacks.

### 2. Educational Outcomes

- 76% observed increased motivation for going to school / learning.
- 69% of educators report fewer complaints of hunger at school.

### 3. Family Engagement

- 83% of parents/guardians report a positive impact on the family sitting down and having meals together.
- 77% of parents/guardians see greater child involvement in cooking and food preparation.
- 84% of parents/guardians note that it encourages stable routines for cooking and meal preparation.

### 4. Financial Relief and Food Insecurity Reduction

- 84% state that the programme has improved their ability to always have food at home.
- Over half of respondents report the provision of 2-4 extra meals each week.

**Tesco CEO, Natasha Adams commented:** "This research conducted by IPSOS B&A highlights the significant positive impact that the Tesco Stronger Starts Food programme is having on children and families across Ireland. Our commitment to championing children's health is at the core of this initiative, and based on the report findings, we are announcing the expansion of the programme to reach an additional 80 DEIS schools along with the pilot of a schools-based cookery programme to bring essential life skills to children, based around food."

**Minister for Social Protection, Dara Calleary, who spoke at the report launch event in Dublin commented:** "Ensuring children are eating healthy nutritious food is something which is close to my heart and the wellbeing of our children is paramount to this government. My department does important work on this through the School Meals Programme. However, Government can't do it alone. We need to work together across all sectors if we are to make the change we want to see. For that reason, I am delighted to see the great work being done through the Tesco Strong Starts Programme."

## An Bord Pleanála approves DART+ South West Railway Order



South Dublin Chamber welcomes An Bord Pleanála decision approving a Railway Order for the Dart+ South West scheme between Heuston and Hazelhatch Stations.

This gives the planning go-ahead to the project which will see an upgrade to higher frequency services and Dart-style trains with the potential for additional stations in the future.

This will benefit residents, workers and visitors to South Dublin County, particularly servicing Adamstown, Clonburris, Clondalkin and City Edge by significantly improving public transport, providing an alternative to car use, and helping achieve our climate change targets

## Annual Christmas Lunch 2024 sponsored by the Clayton Hotel Liffey Valley

South Dublin Chamber wrapped up a successful year with their annual Christmas lunch at the Clayton Hotel, Liffey Valley. The event included an inspiring keynote by Niall Breslin, widely known as 'Bressie,' a dedicated mental health advocate working with global leaders, organisations, and young people.

The Chamber were delighted to have our Mayor and Chamber President make presentations to the following guests at our Annual Christmas Lunch.

1. Mayor Pereppadan and Chamber President Thomas Stone presented an award to **South Dublin County Council** in recognition of **30 years in business**.
2. Mayor Pereppadan and Chamber President Thomas Stone presented an award to **Partas** in recognition of **40 years in business**.
3. Mayor Pereppadan and Chamber President Thomas Stone presented an award to **The Civic Theatre** in recognition of **25 years in business**.
4. Mayor Pereppadan and Chamber President Thomas Stone presented an award to **Tallaght University Hospital**, in honour of **25 years since welcoming its first patient**.
5. Mayor Pereppadan and Chamber President Thomas Stone presented an award to **Donal Rigney, Managing Director of Roadstone**, in celebration of **75 years in business**.



Mayor Pereppadan, Colm Ward, Chief Executive, South Dublin County Council and Thomas Stone, Chamber President



Mayor Pereppadan, Bernard Bennett, Chief Operating Officer, Partas and Thomas Stone, Chamber President



Mayor Pereppadan, Donal Shiels, Artistic Director, The Civic Theatre and Thomas Stone, Chamber President



Mayor Pereppadan, Donal Shiels, Artistic Director, The Civic Theatre and Thomas Stone, Chamber President



Mayor Pereppadan, Donal Rigney, Managing Director of Roadstone and Thomas Stone, Chamber President

## Chamber President Thomas Stone also made three presentations to Board Members stepping down:

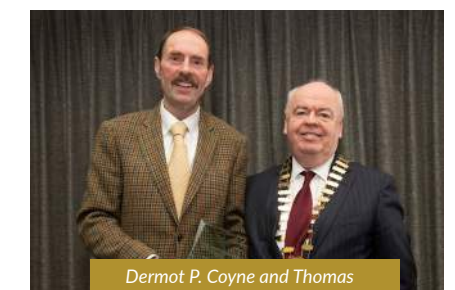
1. **Néill O'Reilly** from Bank of Ireland, has served as a Board Member from April 2017 to May 2024
2. **Karen Harrington** from AIB, has served as a Board Member from June 2021 to May 2024
3. **Dermot Coyne** from Coyne Solicitors has served as a Board Member from May 2012 to May 2024



Néill O'Reilly and Thomas Stone, Chamber President

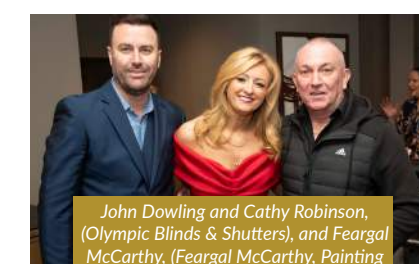


Karen Harrington and Thomas Stone, Chamber President



Dermot P. Coyne and Thomas Stone, Chamber President

## A selection of photos from the mulled wine reception where members mingled and enjoyed the festive lunch



John Dowling and Cathy Robinson, (Olympic Blinds & Shutters), and Feargal McCarthy, (Feargal McCarthy, Painting & Decorating Services)



Colin O'Gara (Lucan Housekeeping), Olivia Rodgers and Deirdre Moore (Celtic Careers)



Clodhna O'Byrne, Deputy CEO, South Dublin Chamber, Niall Breslin and Peter Byrne, CEO, South Dublin Chamber



## March Volunteer Opportunities



March is all about Inspiring Women, and we need YOU to help bring this theme to life in our career workshops with students across Tallaght and Clondalkin!

We welcome all our amazing volunteers—men and women—to share their career journeys. If you're a male volunteer, we'd love for you to highlight a woman who inspired or motivated you along the way—whether it was a mother, sister, colleague, teacher, or mentor.

Your story could be the spark that inspires the next generation! Let's celebrate the incredible impact of women in our lives while guiding students toward their futures.

Ready to make a difference? Sign up today and be part of something truly inspiring!

As usual, to sign up, visit [www.inspiringthefuture.ie/upcoming-volunteering-opportunities/](http://www.inspiringthefuture.ie/upcoming-volunteering-opportunities/) and follow the instructions.

A few things to note:

- If you have signed up in the past, you don't need to input all your details again, just your name and email address.
- If you have the time, please consider signing up for consecutive workshops at a school. Sometimes volunteers enjoy speaking to more than one class group, having made the effort to get there.
- A note on our date format. Our system records the date in a Year/Month/Date format which can be confusing so please double check the date when you sign up!

By doing this, you are one step closer to helping to inspire and motivate young people in South Dublin County.

As always, we thank you all for your continued support in motivating, inspiring and making a difference in young people's lives!

## Tallaght Business to Business Network Open Day



We held the first of our open days for 2025 for the Tallaght B2B Network in the Maldron Hotel Tallaght, Dublin 24 in January. We welcomed over 70 businesses, comprising of both members and prospective members.

We were delighted to welcome Mayor Pereppadan and Margaret Considine, President, Chambers Ireland to the event.

It was great to see our members and prospective members engage with each other, growing their business and learning more about the benefits of being a member of South Dublin Chamber.

Thank you to all our members and guests who attended the Tallaght B2B Open Day hosted by Chair of the Tallaght B2B Network, Neil Phair, Phair & Co, [www.phairandco.ie](http://www.phairandco.ie).

The Tallaght B2B Network meetings are held every 2nd Friday morning from 7.30am – 8.30am in the Maldron Hotel Tallaght. Members and guests welcome to attend.

For further information contact Hugh Hackett at [hugh@sdchamber.ie](mailto:hugh@sdchamber.ie) or Clíodhna O'Byrne at [cliodhna@sdchamber.ie](mailto:cliodhna@sdchamber.ie) telephone 01 4585296 or visit [www.sdchamber.ie](http://www.sdchamber.ie).

## Lucan Business to Business Network Meetings



The Lucan Business to Business Network was set up in late 2010 and since then has gone from strength to strength. There are a variety of professions within the group, including painters, web designers, photographers, printers, solicitors etc. Each member has gained from their membership with business passed around in referrals.

At the Lucan B2B Network Meetings, personal as well as professional relationships have been forged.

Meetings are held every 2nd Thursday morning from 7.30am – 8.30am in the Lucan Spa Hotel, Lucan, Co Dublin.

Chaired by Feargal McCarthy of Feargal McCarthy, Painting & Decorating Services [www.feargalmccarthy.ie](http://www.feargalmccarthy.ie) Members and guests welcome to attend.

For further information contact Hugh Hackett at [hugh@sdchamber.ie](mailto:hugh@sdchamber.ie) or Clíodhna O'Byrne at [cliodhna@sdchamber.ie](mailto:cliodhna@sdchamber.ie) telephone 01 4585296 or visit [www.sdchamber.ie](http://www.sdchamber.ie)

*We will be holding an Open Morning for members and guests at the Lucan B2B in April 2025.*

## New Members

### Corporate Members

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Clondalkin, Dublin, D22 HK70  
Jason Bushe, General Manager  
[www.martinbrower.ie](http://www.martinbrower.ie)  
Logistics Provider & Strategic Supply Chain Partner

**Healy Chemicals Ireland Limited**  
HCL House, Cookstown Industrial Estate,  
Tallaght, Dublin 24  
Maurice Healy, Chairman  
[www.healy-group.com](http://www.healy-group.com)  
Food Ingredients Supplier

**Civic Theatre**  
Parthalán Place, Bóthar Belgard, Tallaght, Dublin 24  
Donal Shiels, Artistic Director  
[www.civictheatre.ie](http://www.civictheatre.ie)  
Tourism, Leisure, Theatre Venue

### Members

**Fitness Equipment Ireland**  
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Fitness Equipment Retailer

**TMHR**  
Tallaght, Dublin  
Trevor Murphy, Director  
[www.tmhr.ie](http://www.tmhr.ie)  
HR Consultancy Services,  
Executive Coaching & Career Coaching

**EazySafe**  
32 Fitzwilliam Street Upper, Dublin 2  
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IT, Training & Compliance Services

**Dr. Torun's Clinic**  
59a Old Bawn Way, Old Bawn,  
Tallaght, Dublin 24 D24 RY77  
Elif Torun, Managing Director  
[www.drortunsclinic.ie](http://www.drortunsclinic.ie)  
General Practice & Healthcare

**Tallaght Community Arts**  
South County Arts Centre, Rua Red,  
Tallaght, Dublin 24, D24 KV8N  
Sharon Devlin, Director  
[www.tallaght-arts.ie](http://www.tallaght-arts.ie)  
Arts Development Organisation

**Katherine McKenna Limited**  
Tallaght, Dublin  
Katherine McKenna, Managing Director  
Healthcare Services

**StarOps - Business Operations & Events**  
Clondalkin, Dublin 22  
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[www.starops.ie](http://www.starops.ie)  
Online Marketing

**Cat Media**  
The Academy Building, Park West Business Park,  
Dublin 12  
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[www.catmedia.ie](http://www.catmedia.ie)  
Software Provider (Cloud)

**Lucan District Credit Union**  
3 The Mall, Lucan, Co Dublin K7 8E625  
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[www.lucancu.ie](http://www.lucancu.ie)  
Nonprofit Financial Institutions

**Windsor Belgard**  
Belgard Road, Kilnamanagh, Tallaght, Dublin 24, D24 FE84  
Brendan Kelly, Dealership Manager  
[www.windsor.ie](http://www.windsor.ie)  
Motor Distribution, Motor Industry, Car Sales & Servicing

**CWC Coaching and Consulting**  
Castleknock, Dublin D15AYX4  
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[www.cwccoaching.ie](http://www.cwccoaching.ie)  
Coaching

**Tom Lynch Commercials**  
Unit 1A, Barstown Commercial Park,  
Dunboyne, Co Meath A86KX30  
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HGV Commercial Truck & Van Repair

**Unic3D Ltd**  
6-9 Trinity, Dublin D02EY47  
Andras Peller, Co-founder/Director  
[www.unic3d.com](http://www.unic3d.com)  
IT Services - 3D product-display configurator online

**EBS**  
6 Main Street, Blackrock, Dublin A94 A0T3  
Graham Coffey, Business Development Manager  
[offices.ebs.ie/dublin/blackrock/6-main-street](http://offices.ebs.ie/dublin/blackrock/6-main-street)  
Financial Services/Mortgage Lending

**Impress Promotional Wear Ltd**  
Unit E3, South City Business Park,  
Tallaght, Dublin 24 D24KW08  
Margaret Lyon, Director  
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Branded Workwear Logo Embroidery Logo Print

**CWS Workwear**  
Unit 34, Fonthill Business Park,  
Clondalkin, Dublin D22TH27  
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[www.cws.com](http://www.cws.com)  
Textile Laundry

**Celtic Photography**  
343a Glenview Lawns, Tallaght, Dublin D24 F803  
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[www.celticphotography.ie](http://www.celticphotography.ie)  
Professional Photography

**Pablosec Solutions**  
Tallaght, Dublin  
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[www.pablosec.com](http://www.pablosec.com)  
ICT

**Tranquility Wellbeing**  
Celbridge, Co Kildare  
Suzanne Hughes, Business Owner  
[www.tranquilitywellbeing.com](http://www.tranquilitywellbeing.com)  
Psychological Wellbeing

**Fampharm Oakley Ltd**  
Pharmacy Hub, MACE Killinarden,  
Tallaght, Dublin D24W0CX  
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**Team Lorraine Mulligan RE/MAX Results**  
Main Street, Celbridge, Co. Kildare  
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Real Estate

**Brands Momentum Ltd**  
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Consultancy/Marketing Agency

## Export Documentation

South Dublin Chamber is authorised by the Department of Enterprise Trade & Employment to issue Certificates of Origin and authorise Export Documentation.

We are also approved by the International Chamber of Commerce World Chambers Federation (ICC WCF) International Certificate of Origin Accreditation Chain. Chambers Ireland has worked closely with our colleagues at ICC on issues of trade and customs over many years, seeking to implement best practice in standards, quality and oversight in the issuance of export documentation.

The ICC WCF International Certificate of Origin Accreditation Chain is a global standard and seeks to recognise best practice in Chamber operations, bringing reassurance to business, traders, banks and customs administrations that Certificates of Origin are issued according to the most stringent and harmonised standards from trusted third parties.

For additional details, please reach out to Majella or Mary by phone at 01 4585200, via email at [majella@sdchamber.ie](mailto:majella@sdchamber.ie) or [mary@sdchamber.ie](mailto:mary@sdchamber.ie), or visit our website at [www.sdchamber.ie](http://www.sdchamber.ie).

Service available: Monday to Friday  
9.00am – 1.00pm & 2.00pm – 5.00pm

## Chamber CRM & Marketplace

Our CRM (Customer Relationship Management Software) serves as your direct link to the South Dublin Chamber. As a valued Chamber member, you can promote your business by customising your profile with images and text, as well as sharing hot deals, job opportunities, and more.

Wherever you have internet access—whether at work, at home, or on the go—you can update your information anytime by visiting [www.schamber.ie](http://www.schamber.ie) and selecting 'Member Account' at the top right corner of the site.

For additional details, please email: [majella@sdchamber.ie](mailto:majella@sdchamber.ie)



## Events 2025

The Chamber has an extensive event programme that engages members of all sizes and industries. Every week you can attend one of our highly successful B2B meetings. The meetings are held bi-weekly, the Lucan B2B is held in the Lucan Spa Hotel every 2nd Thursday morning, the Tallaght B2B is held every 2nd Friday morning in the Maldron Hotel Tallaght. Through our Chamber Connects events you meet other members whilst visiting a member's premises and getting a better understanding of their business. Our Business Awards night is our Gala event where we celebrate the success of businesses in our community. At our Christmas lunch we celebrate the end of the year with an engaging speaker and a great chance to catch up with other Chamber members. If you like golf, we have the golf classic, if you want to learn more about business please attend our seminars on key business issues. The Chamber also hosts events on economic development and what is planned for the Development of our County with South Dublin County Council.

Please check our website for dates and venues

[www.sdchamber.ie](http://www.sdchamber.ie) or contact [majella@sdchamber.ie](mailto:majella@sdchamber.ie)

Participating in South Dublin Chamber business events can offer several significant benefits for your business and professional growth. Here are the main advantages:

### 1. Networking Opportunities

- Build connections with other local business owners, suppliers, and potential collaborators.
- Establish relationships that can lead to partnerships, referrals, or sales.

### 2. Increased Visibility

- Showcase your business to a local audience, raising brand awareness in your community.
- Stand out by demonstrating your products or services directly to attendees.

### 3. Market Research

- Gain insights into customer preferences and local market trends.
- Observe competitor strategies and offerings.

### 4. Lead Generation

- Attract new customers or clients by engaging face-to-face.
- Collect contact information for future follow-ups and sales opportunities.

### 5. Community Building

- Strengthen your ties with the community, building goodwill and trust.
- Position your business as a supporter of local initiatives and a part of the local economy.

### 6. Skill Development

- Hone your presentation, sales, and networking skills in a dynamic environment.
- Learn from workshops, panels, or other educational sessions often included in our events.

### 7. Cost-Effective Promotion

- Promote your business at a fraction of the cost of traditional advertising.
- Distribute marketing materials directly to an interested audience.

### 8. Opportunities for Feedback

- Get real-time feedback on your products or services from event attendees.
- Use this feedback to make improvements and better meet customer needs.

### 9. Inspiration and Innovation

- Discover new ideas, trends, or technologies by interacting with other businesses.
- Find creative ways to improve or expand your offerings.

### 10. Support Local Economy

- Contribute to the growth and vitality of our local business community.
- Strengthen relationships with other businesses, creating a supportive ecosystem.

By participating in our events, you not only boost your business prospects but also contribute to the vibrancy and connectivity of our local community.

## Corporate Members Programme



The Corporate Members programme is specifically for C-Level and senior business representatives from the largest companies in our membership. Held four times a year, up to 60 CEOs and business leaders attend exclusive dinner and lunch events to hear from a leading and inspirational business/political leader in a confidential, 'in-camera' setting.

The emphasis is on sharing business insights and building strong relationships with fellow business leaders across industry through high level networking.

This event is exclusive to our Chamber Corporate and Patron Partners if you would like to know more please contact our CEO Peter Byrne at [business@sdchamber.ie](mailto:business@sdchamber.ie)