



South Dublin Chamber

Advancing business together

42 years supporting local businesses

I am reminded the one thing that connects the Chamber to its members is an awareness of their needs and how we play a role in meeting those needs. The last few months have been a good time for the Chamber; we have had many events and activities which provide opportunities to engage and connect with members whilst sharing insights and learning. We have had meetings and follow up with local and national government on the issues impacting your business.



Our B2B Networks in Lucan and Tallaght are thriving under the stewardship of Feargal McCarthy, Feargal McCarthy Painting & Decorating Services (Lucan) and Jen Slaughter, Loreto Group (Tallaght) and our sub committees continue the vital work in their areas of responsibility. We are very fortunate to have a strong board, and we recently welcomed Andrea Clarke, Principal Coyne Solicitors (Lucan), as our new Deputy President.

Currently, the Chamber continues to grow and develop its supports and services to our members. In the coming months, we plan to review our structure to streamline the organisation to enhance our effectiveness and find new and exciting ways for engagements with our members.

Increasingly, the application of Artificial intelligence (AI) is a feature of more and more of our members businesses. For the Chamber it creates new opportunities to enhance member services, improve operational efficiency, and support business digitalisation. AI is transforming how business organisations and representative bodies support their members. AI-powered tools can automate routine administrative tasks, improve member communication, and provide businesses with real-time market intelligence and economic insights. Chambers can also use AI to analyse member needs, identify emerging trends, and deliver more targeted training, networking opportunities, and policy advocacy. As AI adoption grows, Chambers are increasingly positioned to act as trusted advisors, helping businesses—particularly SMEs—understand and implement AI technologies to improve productivity, competitiveness, and innovation. Chambers are by far the leading representative bodies for business and community organisations worldwide and consistently rank as a highly trusted brand. Experience sharing, that generates solutions-based approaches through problem solving together, as members of the Chamber, is an ideal strategy for all of us to successfully manage the challenges, opportunities and threats we face in the months ahead of AI in our organisations.

Our economy has remained broadly resilient during the first half of 2026, supported by strong employment, consumer spending, and continued investment, despite increased international uncertainty. Our employment levels have remained high; unemployment has stayed below 5% while domestic demand has continued to grow. However, rising energy costs, inflationary pressures linked to geopolitical tensions, and uncertainty surrounding international trade have created challenges for businesses and households. While headline GDP figures have been volatile due to multinational activity, underlying domestic economic activity has remained positive, supported by consumer spending, public investment, and continued growth in sectors such as construction and technology.

Economic growth is expected to continue through the remainder of 2026, although businesses should remain mindful of risks arising from global trade uncertainty, energy prices, inflationary pressures, and housing constraints. Looking ahead to the second half of 2026, most forecasts suggest our domestic economy will continue to grow, albeit at a more moderate pace than in recent years. Modified Domestic Demand (MDD), a key measure of underlying economic activity, is expected to increase by around 2-3% during the year. The labour market is projected to remain strong, with continued job creation and low unemployment. However, Ireland's over reliance on multinational corporations and their corporate and employee-based taxes, remains a significant macroeconomic risk and concern. Inflation is expected to remain above target levels but should gradually ease if energy markets stabilise. Overall, the outlook remains positive, with Ireland expected to outperform many European economies, despite a more challenging international environment.

Thomas Stone | Chamber President

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Summer 2026

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Meeting with the new Mayor Cllr Francis Timmons

Our President Thomas Stone and CEO Peter Byrne met with our new Mayor Cllr Francis Timmons to congratulate him on his election and share with him the views of the business community. Among the issues discussed were infrastructure, roads, public transport, housing, water and energy supply and distribution. The President also highlighted the growing shortage of people available for employment.



Peter Byrne Reappointed to EU UK DAG

In his role, Peter recently attended a meeting focused on the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement. The discussions centered on key developments and the future of the trading relationship over the coming year.



Meeting with An Taoiseach Micheál Martin TD

On a recent visit to Ireland by the President of the Employers Group of the EESC, the Group President Sandra Parthie had the opportunity to meet An Taoiseach Micheál Martin TD. Our CEO Peter Byrne is one of two employers' representatives to the EESC.



L-R John Lahart TD Chair of the of Foreign Affairs and Trade Committee, Ian Talbot CEO Chambers Ireland, An Taoiseach Micheál Martin TD, Sandra Parthie President Employers Group, EESC, Peter Byrne CEO South Dublin Chamber and Irish Employers representative to the EESC, Neil Walker IBEC and Irish Employers representative to the EESC, Fulvio Bianconi Head of Employers Group Secretariat.

Catching up with Minister Neale Richmond TD



Minister Neale Richmond TD, Peter Byrne, CEO, South Dublin Chamber

Meeting with TD, Deputy Shane Moynihan



It was a pleasure to meet local TD, Deputy Shane Moynihan TD (Dr Séin Ó Muineacháin) in the Dail Houses of the Oireachtas to discuss our local economy.

Shamrock Rovers Meet-Up



Peter Byrne, CEO, South Dublin Chamber, Clíodhna O'Byrne, Deputy CEO, South Dublin Chamber meeting Robbie Hedderman, CEO, Shamrock Rovers.

Peter Byrne CEO elected as Vice President of the EESC's Youth Committee

The EESC Youth Group and Youth Advisory Council work to embed youth perspectives into EU policymaking by implementing the "EU Youth Test." This participatory tool assesses how proposed laws impact young people. They ensure that the voices of Europe's youth are represented across all legislative fields



Houses of the Oireachtas



Peter Byrne, CEO, South Dublin Chamber, Thomas Stone, President, South Dublin Chamber, Clíodhna O'Byrne, Deputy CEO, South Dublin Chamber, Mark Ward, TD, and Sean Crowe, TD

Colm Brophy TD Breakfast



Thomas Stone, President, South Dublin Chamber, Jennifer Carroll MacNeill, TD, Minister for Health, Colm Brophy, TD, Fine Gael, Minister of State for Migration, Clíodhna O'Byrne, Deputy CEO, South Dublin Chamber.

Peninsula Ireland HR Partner



Clíodhna O'Byrne, Deputy CEO, South Dublin Chamber, Peter Byrne, CEO, South Dublin Chamber, Michael Gombart, Peninsula Ireland HR Partner.

75th anniversary of the Irish Exporters Association



Simon McKeever, CEO, Irish Exporters Association, Dr Norah Patten, Aeronautical Engineer, Peter Byrne, CEO, South Dublin Chamber.

Planning meeting with My Power Ltd



Clíodhna O'Byrne, Deputy CEO, South Dublin Chamber, Peter Byrne, CEO, South Dublin Chamber, Graham Grace, Managing Director, My Power Ltd.



Showing Appreciation to **retired** Board Members



*Peter Byrne, CEO, South Dublin Chamber,
Jim King, AJ King & Co.*



*Clíodhna O'Byrne, Deputy CEO, South Dublin Chamber,
Mairead Fleming, Fleming Executive Recruitment,
Peter Byrne, CEO, South Dublin Chamber*



*Clíodhna O'Byrne, Deputy CEO, South Dublin Chamber,
Sherri Brennan, Peter Byrne, CEO, South Dublin Chamber*



*Peter Byrne, CEO, South Dublin Chamber,
Jean Evans, NetworkMe*



*Shelly O'Brien, Clíodhna O'Byrne,
Deputy CEO, South Dublin Chamber*

Chamber Members Anniversary Awards sponsored by the Clayton Hotel Liffey Valley

South Dublin Chamber welcomed over 155 members for a lunch of connection and reflection.

Our Guest speaker Al Porter shared thoughtful insights on recognising failure, facing struggles and changing course if needed.

Thank you to our event sponsor Dalata Hotel Group for their valued support, and all the team in Clayton Hotel, Liffey Valley for hosting a very successful event.

Chamber President Thomas Stone acknowledged and made presentations to the following members at the lunch.



The Square Tallaght in recognition of 35 years in business.



The Echo in recognition of 45 years in business.



Microsoft Ireland in recognition of 40 years in business.



Wilsons Auctions in recognition of 25 years in business.



Clayton Hotel Liffey Valley in recognition of 20 years in business.

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

1. Elisha Collier O'Brien from JTI Ireland Limited, has served as a Board Member from April 2012 to December 2025.
2. Danny Towell from iPing IT Services, has served as a Board Member for 4 years.
3. John O'Farrell from Knightsbrook Hotel, Spa & Golf Resort, has served as a Board member from May 2013 to July 2025.



Elisha Collier O'Brien from JTI Ireland Limited



Danny Towell from iPing IT Services



John O'Farrell from Knightsbrook Hotel, Spa & Golf Resort

Launch of Economic Strategy

South Dublin County Council launched its new **Economic Strategy 2026 – 2036**. It sets out a clear ambition to create 1,500 new jobs each year while strengthening South Dublin's position as one of Ireland's most dynamic urban economies for the next decade.

Peter Byrne our CEO was speaking at the launch, and he highlighted the importance of this strategy for local business confidence and to attract new businesses into the county.



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To view Economic
Strategy 2026 – 2036 video



To read more about
Economic Strategy visit



Launch of the Whitestown Greenway



Summer BBQ

Our Summer BBQ took place in the beautiful setting of Áras Chrónáin, Clondalkin, www.araschronain.ie

The weather was glorious, the food was delicious, and we had great traditional Irish musicians join us on the evening.

Many thanks to our sponsor Roadstone Ltd, to Brian Ó Gáibhín, COO, Áras Chrónáin and his team for hosting our BBQ and to all our members for attending.





Lucan Business to Business Network Goes Behind the Scenes at Leinster House



Recently members of the Lucan B2B Network enjoyed a memorable visit to Leinster House. The trip gave local business leaders a valuable opportunity to see the Dáil in action and discuss key issues affecting their community.

We extend our sincere thanks to Shane Moynihan TD (Dr Séin Ó Muineacháin) for his kind invitation and warm welcome, which made the experience both informative and highly enjoyable.

AI Event From Insight to Impact Event



We were delighted to welcome a full house to our recent event, **From Insight to Impact**, where local businesses came together to explore the future of digital transformation and AI. The session provided valuable insights into the supports available to Irish businesses through **CeADAR Ireland** and **ENTIRE EDIH Ireland**, highlighting practical pathways to innovation and growth.

This event was hosted in conjunction with **Fingal Chamber**, **Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Chamber of Commerce** and **County Kildare Chamber**.

Greater Chamber Alliance Speed Networking Event 2026

Fingal Chamber hosted the **Greater Dublin Chamber Alliance B2B Networking** at the Carlton Hotel Blanchardstown. The morning session brought together a vibrant mix of businesses and professionals from across the region, creating valuable opportunities for connection and collaboration.

The Alliance, comprising **South Dublin Chamber**, **Fingal Chamber**, **Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Chamber of Commerce**, and **County Kildare Chamber** is a strong partnership focused on driving business growth and fostering meaningful relationships across county lines.

It was especially encouraging to see such a strong representation from **South Dublin Chamber** on the day.



Chamber Connects **Breakfast Networking in Hook & Ladder, Weston Airport** May 2026

Our recent **Chamber Connects** event at **Hook & Ladder, Weston Airport**, was both highly enjoyable and a great success. The stunning views and unique surroundings provided in this hidden gem was an exceptional backdrop for networking and connecting with our members.

We extend our sincere thanks to Rory Hide, Andrew Moloney, and the entire team at Hook & Ladder for hosting such a fantastic networking breakfast.

A special thank you also to Pamela Brooks for delivering an insightful and engaging tour of Weston Airport.



Corporate Members Luncheon in the Air Corps Aerodrome, Baldonnel, April 2026

Thank you to Brigadier General Rory O'Connor for hosting the event. Both our Chamber President Thomas Stone and Brigadier General Rory O'Connor spoke about the upcoming **Presidency of the Council of the European Union** (July–December 2026), what role the **Air Corps** plays in our countries and the **EUs Defence**.





Tallaght Business to Business Network Going from Strength to Strength



The Chamber Tallaght Business to Business Network has gone from strength to strength in recent months, continuing to build momentum and foster meaningful connections across the local business community. It has been particularly encouraging to see both long-standing members and prospective new members actively engaging, sharing insights, and supporting one another.

At the heart of the network is a welcoming and collaborative environment where relationships flourish and opportunities naturally develop. The strong sense of community is evident at every meeting, as members work together to build trust and create valuable business connections.

Like its Lucan counterpart the Chamber Tallaght Business to Business Network is enriched by a diverse mix of professionals. Members represent a wide range of industries,

including printing, cleaning services, software training, gardening, beauty, poetry and creative services, funeral services, and providers of sustainable food packaging solutions, among many others. This variety not only strengthens the network but also provides members with access to a broad spectrum of knowledge and expertise.

A notable highlight this year has been the appointment of Jen Slaughter of the Loreto Group as Chair. Under her leadership, the network looks set to continue its positive growth furthering its impact and strengthening its reach within the local business community.

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Lucan Business to Business Network Continues to Grow and Connect

Over the past year, the Chamber Lucan Business to Business Network has experienced a significant increase in membership and meeting attendance, reflecting the growing appetite for meaningful local business connections. The network now boasts a vibrant and diverse mix of professionals, creating a dynamic environment for collaboration and opportunity.

Among its members are experts from a wide range of industries, including travel consultants, printers, tax advisors, solicitors, web designers, office supply specialists, photographers, and food manufacturers just to name a few. This diversity ensures that members benefit from a broad pool of expertise and referral opportunities.

More than just a forum for business promotion, the Chamber Lucan B2B Network has become a space where genuine relationships are built. Both professional partnerships and personal connections have flourished, underlining the group's supportive and welcoming ethos.

The network meets every second Thursday morning from 7:25am to 8:30am at the Clayton Hotel Liffey Valley, Fonthill Road, Liffey Valley, Dublin 22 D22 X4W6. These early-morning gatherings offer a productive and energising start to the day, providing members with the chance to share insights, exchange referrals, and strengthen their local business community.



Chaired by Feargal McCarthy Painter Dublin | Feargal McCarthy Painting & Decorating Services.

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New Members

Corporate Members

Weston Airport

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Ms. Pamela Brooks,
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Airport

Peamount Healthcare

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D22 Y008
Ms Tanya King, CEO
www.peamount.ie
Health and Social Care

Members

Poet's Perch

Lucan, Co Dublin
Ms Natalie Ryan, Founder
Poetry, Creative Writing Workshops
& Event Organising

Inalead

Leixlip, Co Kildare
Ms Christina Canning, HR Consultant
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HR Consultancy

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Consultancy

V-Styles

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Hair Stylist

Energy Wolf

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Energy Management Systems

Holistar

Lucan, Co Dublin, K78KC66
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www.holistar.ie
Manufacturer of Healthcare Products

Soot Away

Maynooth, Co Dublin
Mr Arnas Kolinis, Owner
www.sootaway.ie
Chimney Sweep

R Design Upholstery

Clondalkin, Dublin 22
Mr Robert Kristofori, Owner
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Training Courses

Pathway Financial Management

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Mr Anthony Richardson, Director
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Financial Planning

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Estate Agency / Property Services

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Smart Bathroom

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Hi-Tech Bathroom Fixtures

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Pelvic Health Physiotherapy practice

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Adamstown, Co Dublin
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Manufactures of Timber Products,
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Export Documentation / Certificates of Origin



What is a Certificate of Origin?

A **Certificate of Origin** is a document proving that goods in a particular export shipment are produced or manufactured in a particular country origin to satisfy customs or trade requirements.

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.

How can I avail of South Dublin Chamber's Export Documentation Services?

Complete an Indemnity Form

Submit the **Indemnity Form** with sample signature of the authorised signatories in the Company and supply a copy of your **Certificate of Incorporation**.

For additional details, please reach out to **Majella or Mary**, via email at majella@sdchamber.ie or mary@schamber.ie telephone: 01 4585200 or visit our website at www.sdchamber.ie.

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

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 and selecting 'Member Account' at the top right corner of the site.

For additional details, please email: majella@sdchamber.ie



What would winning a South Dublin County Business Award mean to your business?

Celebrating, Showcasing and Acknowledging all that is Good in Business in the County

Applications will open shortly for the 2026 awards to any Business or Not-For-Profit Organisation based in or doing business in South Dublin County.

Award categories will include:

- Best Not-For-Profit Organisation
- Best Family-Owned & Managed Business
- Best Medium Sized Business
- Best Networker Award
- Best Place to Eat
- Best Small Business
- Best Solo Entrepreneur of the Year
- Best Sports & Leisure Award
- Best Start-up / New Business
- Best Workplace
- Business Person of the Year
- Customer Service – Tourism & Hospitality
- Employee of the Year
- Innovation in Business

All criteria for the awards, judging and the mystery shopping evaluations will be done by Spotcheck, the recognised independent awards agency.



The black- tie awards presentation evening will be held on **Thursday 15th October 2026**

in the Maldron Hotel Tallaght, Whitestown Way, Tallaght, Dublin 24 D24 XC9W.

Entry is free and you can enter as many categories as you like....



South Dublin County Business Awards 2026

