

2019/2020

Drogheda Business Excellence Awards

23rd November 2019

CityNorth Hotel, Gormanston, Co. Meath.

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& District
Chamber**

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Introduction from the President

Welcome

We are delighted to introduce to you the 15th Annual Business Excellence Awards 2019, brought to you by the Drogheda & District Chamber.

The Business Excellence Awards are one of the key highlights of the Year for both the Chamber and for local Business where business excellence is recognised, rewarded and celebrated. We are truly delighted to be once again supported by such well established, credible sponsors with our key sponsor being Flogas.

This year we have revitalised the awards to professionalise and modernise them to a world class standard. With a team of highly experienced independent judges, a host of new categories to choose from, a new easy application process along with personalised feedback to all shortlisted business' - there's never been a better time to get involved and align your business and brand with the best in our region.

Whether you are a sole trader, an SME, a retailer, a publican, a hotelier right through to a multi-national organisation the awards are a fantastic opportunity for you to promote and showcase your business and to gain recognition for you and your team.

Being shortlisted or indeed winning an award will raise your company profile and showcase your business to a wider audience. Entry to the awards is free of charge and open to all.

Come join us for the awards ceremony on the 23rd of November in the CityNorth Hotel where over 300 businesses will come together to celebrate business success and excellence in our region.

Looking forward to seeing you on the night for what promises to be our key highlight event of the year.

Shona McManus
President



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Drogheda & District Chamber

2019 KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	MAY	Thursday 23rd May	Official launch of the 2019 Awards Venue: The Highlanes Gallery at 5pm
	JULY	Thursday 4th July	Breakfast Briefing 09:15 – 10:15am Expert advice on how to complete your Business Awards application form Venue: Drogheda Chamber Office, Dublin Road
	SEPT	Friday 13th September	Closing date for companies to complete their application
	OCT	Friday 11th October	Short list of category finalists announced
		Tuesday 22nd October	Judges interview category finalists
NOV	Saturday 23rd November	Awards Ceremony in the CityNorth Hotel	



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CATEGORIES

1. **SME of the Year** (1 – 10 employees)
2. **SME of the Year** (11 – 50 employees)
3. **SME of the Year** (50+ employees)
4. **Health & Fitness**
5. **Beauty Salon of the Year**
6. **Best Café / Coffee Shop**
7. **Best Dining Experience**
8. **Best Hotel of the Year**
9. **Best Marketing & Social Media Award**
10. **Best Not for Profit Organisation**
11. **Best Professional Services**
12. **Employee Development & Training**
13. **Tourism Award**
14. **Family Business of the Year**
15. **Start-up of the Year**
16. **Retailer of the Year**
17. **Fleadh Award**
18. **CSR Award**
19. **People's Choice Award**

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Judging Panel 2019



Co-Ordinator

Geraldine King

Chief Executive
National Recruitment
Federation (NRF)

Judges 2019



Anthony Cooney

CEO
Fingal Dublin Chamber
of Commerce



Joe Harlin

*Business Development
Manager*
JH Consultants



Mario MacBlain

Lecturer
Dundalk Institute of
Technology



Lorcan Bourke

Manager
Bord Bia



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Newtownmountkennedy
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Niamh Collins

*Chief Operations
Officer*
DCU Ryan Academy



Fergal Brophy

*Entrepreneurial
Specialist*
UCD Innovation
Academy



Alan Costello

Venture Leader
NDRC

“ Winning Start Up Business of the Year has meant a great deal not only to me personally but to our entire team. It has come at a time when we needed a boost to help us stay energised and focused.

I'd recommend anyone to make the effort to apply for the Chamber awards as it's a great exercise and you may even win! ”

Bronagh Conlon
Managing Director
Listoke Distillery Limited

How to enter...

1 Download and complete your application form...

Application forms can be downloaded from our website www.droghedachamber.com. Typed submissions should be completed and returned to Drogheda Chamber, no later than **5pm Friday 13th September 2019**. Alternatively you can submit your application online to awards@droghedachamber.com. You may enter your business or organisation in a maximum of three (3) categories.

2 Wait for the shortlist...

Judges will meet to evaluate all applications on **Friday 4th October**. Thereafter the shortlisted companies will be announced. All companies who enter the awards will be contacted. Companies that have been shortlisted will be called for an interview on **Tuesday 22nd October**.

3 Awards Ceremony...

The winners of each category will not be announced until the night of the Awards. The Award ceremony will take place on **Saturday the 23rd of November** in the CityNorth Hotel. The glittering, Black Tie social event of the business calendar promises to be a wonderful night and provides a great opportunity to relax and celebrate.

For more information about the awards and the benefits of entering visit our website www.droghedachamber.com or contact the Chamber office on **041 9833544**.

**DON'T
MISS**

BREAKFAST BRIEFING

**Thursday
4th July**

9:15 – 10:15am
Expert advice on
how to complete
your Business Awards
application form

Venue:
Drogheda Chamber
Office,
Dublin Road

Judging Criteria

The independent judging panel will assess each entry under 6 key criteria.

● LEADERSHIP

How do you and your management team lead, inspire and direct your business towards excellence? Give examples and any testimonials to support your submission (adhere to the word count).

● EMPLOYEES

Your employees are a key part of delivering excellence - how do they develop their skills? How does their knowledge and passion for excellence contribute to your business? Give examples to showcase what your employees say and why they work for your company (Adhere to word count).

● CUSTOMER SERVICE

How do you go about delivering excellence? What do your customers say? Include testimonials if applicable to support your submission (adhere to the word count).

● IMPACT ON DROGHEDA

What difference does your business make to life in Drogheda? Give examples and testimonials if any. (adhere to word count)

● BUSINESS PLANS

Now more than ever your plans for survival and energy to succeed are what set you apart. It's not about turnover or profits - tell us how your business is adapting and developing and what that means to your business and your future.

● WHY YOU?

The ultimate question - why should your business win a Drogheda Business Excellence Award? Adhering to the word count tell us about your proudest achievements and accomplishments in the last 12 months.

The process of applying for an award can be a challenging one, forcing you to think through issues that you might sometimes side-line. But it is always worthwhile; you always learn something new about yourself, your team, your processes and your business. Don't delay - complete your application and become part of the Drogheda Business Excellence Awards 2019!

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Highlanes Gallery



Lifetime Achievement Award

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The **Lifetime Achievement Award** recognises the work and contribution of an individual in the wider business community whose pioneering spirit, resourcefulness and determination have contributed to our community - both in business and the social fabric of the community.

Nominate your choice for the Achievement Award

Drogheda & District Chamber is giving you the opportunity to put forward a nomination for our Lifetime Achievement Award as part of the Business Excellence Awards. The only stipulations regarding your nomination are below:

1. The nominee must be local or have a strong local connection with Drogheda & District
2. The nominee must be someone who has made a consistent and significant positive impact on business and/or the locality.

Please put forward the person's name along with their associated business if applicable and why you feel they should be nominated (see details on application form) - no more than 200 words please.

Email application to:
awards@droghedachamber.com

**Closing Date 5pm Friday
13th September 2019**



Harry McArdle winner of Lifetime Achievement Award sponsored by Flogas



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Membership Benefits

The primary function of the Drogheda Chamber is to make business better for our members.

We exist to support, promote & create opportunities for our members to network & do business with one another.

Benefits of Joining

- Build Beneficial Relationships
- Boost your Business Profile
- M1 Skillnet funded, innovative Training Opportunities
- Valuable Networking & Training Events
- Export Services
- Create real change with Chamber led initiatives like the M1 Corridor
- Gain access to Expert Advice & Support
- Latest Business News & Updates



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2018 AWARDS WINNERS



Grand Designs winners of *SME of the Year (1-50 employees)* sponsored by Scotch Hall



Water Wipes winners of *SME of the Year (50+ employees)* sponsored by Irish Cement



Simply Fit winners of *Health, Beauty & Hair Award* sponsored by Water Wipes



Indaver winners of *Corporate Social Responsibility Award* sponsored by State Street



Drogheda Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann winners of *Fleadh Award* sponsored by Glanbia



No. Three Old Bar & Restaurant winners of *Coffee Shop & Casual Dining Award* sponsored by Nature's Best



CityNorth Hotel & Conference Centre winners of *Tourism Business of the year* sponsored by Louth County Council



Malones Toyota Drogheda winners of *Retail Excellence Awards* sponsored by AIB



Louth Volunteer Centre winners of *Employee Training & Development Award* sponsored by Hanley Energy Ltd.



Listoke Distillery Ltd winners of *Start-up Business Award* sponsored by Local Enterprise Office Louth



Smiths of Drogheda winners of *Family Business of the Year* sponsored by Bank of Ireland



Anglo Printers winners of *Social Media & Digital Marketing Award* sponsored by Indaver



Hurley Bros winners of *The Peoples Choice Award* sponsored by YapStone

Meet the Sponsors

AIB



AIB Drogheda is proud to be part of the Drogheda & District Community for 45+ years. We put our customers at the heart of everything we do, continually adapting our product and service offerings to meet their needs. We provide a digitally-enabled, Omni-channel banking experience that allows customers to interact with the bank how and when they want. We work tirelessly to fulfil our purpose of helping back our Customers to achieve their dreams and ambitions.

Anglo Printers



Anglo Printers Limited is a commercial lithographic, digital and wide format printing business, with in-house graphic design services, and on-site print finishing and mail fulfilment facilities.

We are one of Ireland's leading and most innovative print solutions providers. Operating from our base in Drogheda since 1983 just off the M1, we have a very experienced print management team ready, willing and able to provide all your print requirements".

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Bank of Ireland Group is one of the largest financial services groups in Ireland and the largest lender to the Irish economy over the past four years. The Group provides a broad range of banking and other financial services to all sectors of the economy including consumers, businesses and corporates and also offers selected services in the UK and internationally. Bank of Ireland's purpose is to enable its customers, colleagues and communities to thrive, while contributing to economic growth in its key markets.

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Drogheda Credit Union



Drogheda Credit Union is a local, "Not For Profit" financial institution. We specialise in providing members with a full suite of financial services for saving and borrowing. Through our community funding we sponsor and donate thousands of Euros annually to community groups, projects, good causes and organisations making a positive impact on the local area in which we are based.

First Citizen Finance



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Glanbia



In Glanbia Ireland Our mission is to "Bring the Passion of Our Farmers to the World". We truly believe in the goodness of dairy, which is why we carefully nurture everything that nature provides to bring families across Ireland the very best of consumer products. Showing once more our commitment to the local community, Glanbia is delighted to sponsor The People's Choice Award for 2019.

Hanley Energy



Hanley Energy are a recognised innovator in Critical Power and Energy Management solutions, headquartered in Stamullan with offices in the United States, Australia, Germany, South Africa, Sweden. Our capabilities cover consultancy through to the Lifecycle Management of customised solutions which enable clients to reduce energy consumption and increase operational competitiveness.

Indaver



Indaver is an established European waste management company, with over 30 years of business in Ireland. Our Meath Waste-to-Energy Facility, operational since 2011, is providing a local treatment solution for residual waste. We have diverted over 1 million tonnes of waste from landfill and produced enough electricity to power 62,201 homes for 4 years.

Irish Cement



Irish Cement, part of CRH, is the market leader for the manufacture and supply of high quality bulk and bagged cement products. Together with technical support for our customers at home and abroad, Irish Cement has invested in the latest technology to ensure sustainable, efficient operations at our two modern manufacturing locations in Limerick and Platin. Visit our website www.irishcement.ie

Louth County Council



We are delighted to sponsor the "Tourism Business of the Year" category. Our vision is to increase visitors to this region by capitalising on our location within Ireland's Ancient East, with Drogheda as the Gateway to the Boyne Valley, and by working in partnership to develop a world-class sustainable tourism experience. Congratulations to those nominated, we look forward to working in partnership with you in the future.

LEO Louth



LEO Louth is delighted to sponsor the "Best Start-up Business" category in the Drogheda & District Chamber Annual Business Awards. We play a central role in the economic well-being and growth of County Louth. We aim to promote entrepreneurship, foster business start-ups and develop existing micro and small businesses to drive job creation and to provide accessible high quality supports that will enhance businesses in County Louth.

McCloskey's Bakery



McCloskey's Bakery is a third generation award winning craft bakery operating from its BRC certified premises. With almost 80 years of baking experience we pride ourselves in supplying freshly baked traditional and trend setting craft breads and rolls to both the national retailers and foodservice companies.

McCloskeys Bakery also operates four Bakery Café shops in Drogheda, Dundalk and Navan and is committed to giving its customer a fresh bakery café experience like no other on the East Coast.

Nature's Best



Nature's Best is a second-generation family business based in Drogheda. With over 370 employees producing 296 healthy, delicious, convenience salads on a daily basis; We feed 1 in 4 families every week in Ireland.

Nature's Best prides itself on the quality of all its' products which are produced fresh to the highest technical standards

"Eat Healthy, Eat Fresh, Eat Local"

Yapstone



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Scotch Hall Shopping Centre

Scotch Hall Shopping Centre is Ireland's premium centre in the North East located in a picturesque setting on the River Boyne. With over 400 full and part time staff in the centre it is a key employer in the community and we would encourage everyone to shop local in the town and in doing so help create and support local jobs.

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