



Who will be this year's Young Entrepreneur of the Year?

In a night completely dedicated to local entrepreneurship and all it has to offer, JCI Galway is hosting the final of the Galway Young Entrepreneur of the Year Awards in the Galway Bay Hotel at 7pm this Friday 2nd November. The Awards night will involve a drinks reception sponsored by Probus Wines, followed by a gala dinner. The MC for the night Mr. Padraic O'Maille will then interview the seven finalists and after the presentation of the awards there will be musical entertainment. A 20,000 euro business prize package consisting of financial consultancy, marketing, printing, advertising and public relations will be awarded on the night. This package will be split as follows: First prize of 11,000 euros sponsored by the Galway Advertiser and Price Waterhouse Coopers, 2nd Prize of 6,000 euros sponsored by the Galway Advertiser and Castleprint and 3rd Prize of 3,000 euros sponsored by the Galway Advertiser and MOR PR.

Look out for the winner's profile in next week's Galway Advertiser.
For further information log on to www.jci-galway.org/entrepreneur.



JUDY KAVANAGH
The Cook Club

The Cook Club has been teaching groups of friends to cook in their homes since 2005. Trained at The Ballymaloe Cookery School and with over 15 years experience in the food, wine & service industry Judy Kavanagh has a passion for teaching and a belief that anyone can cook once shown how. Judy understands the need to provide great tasting home-made food for family and friends without spending hours in the kitchen. Each Cook Club has a minimum of 10 participants, who meet in one of the group's homes. The evening is a sociable occasion, Judy or one of her chefs, arrives with all the essentials needed to demonstrate a 3-course meal while participants relax, chat, and have a glass of wine. Plans are in the pipeline for nationwide expansion.

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CHRIS MCGRATH
Tiger International Chartered Surveyors

Tiger International Chartered Surveyors offers expert and totally independent global property investment solutions. They work with syndicates, small funds and private clients to reduce risk, add value and build wealth. Tiger clients have access to the same sophisticated suite of support services and skillsets as professional investors. More specifically Tiger offers, market intelligence, investment strategies, direct sourcing of investment & development opportunities, investment & development appraisals, project team assembly, on going asset/project management and general advice. In addition they provide training workshops and seminars on international property investment trends and strategies. Prior to this Chris was a director/partner in The Kiolpa Group, a planning, consultancy & development company.

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ADRIAN FOLAN
Localotto.ie

Localotto.ie is a software development and marketing company. Based in Casla, their software dramatically revolutionizes the way clubs and societies across Europe raise funds through lotteries and communicate with their members. For local clubs lotteries, the secure Internet technology allows them to market, sell and manage ticket sales to supporters from all over the world. It also communicates to club members the current news from that particular club / society. Adrian a NUIG graduate and founder of localotto.ie began developing this software 3 and half years ago. The company which employs 5 people has only gone commercial since Jan 2006. Its success and growth can be seen following a 650% increase in ticket sales between Sept 2006 and Sept 2007."

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PATRICK BRENNAN
Snap Printing - Vision 16

Patrick Brennan MMII, a graduate of the College of Marketing and Design in Dublin and current Chairperson of the Marketing Institute of Ireland West, had held key sales and marketing management positions with Xerox and Compaq before deciding to go it alone in 1997. At that time, he and his wife Geraldine started a highly successful Snap Printing franchise in Dublin. Soon afterwards an opportunity arose for them to start up a Snap Printing Franchise in the West. In the space of twelve months they have completely reformed their business bringing it from a small walk-in copy shop to a sophisticated print-communications service provider. It is now the most advanced digital print facility in the country. Patrick has also added Vision 16 to his entrepreneurial portfolio. This is a purpose built Business Centre and offers modern office solutions to both small and large companies.

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EILEEN SWEENEY
Dine to Meet

Dine to Meet is a dinner party service for single professionals. After moving from Dublin to Galway Eileen Sweeney saw a gap in the market for an alternative to the current dating scene. She came upon the idea of the concept in conversation with her sister. Dine to Meet organise for groups of up to eight guests (four men and four women) to meet in a city centre restaurant for great company, great food and to widen their circle of friends. Customers log onto www.dinetomeet.ie and fill out an online application form. Eight guests are selected based on age and interests. Dine to Meet book a restaurant and then send the guests an email with the details. To confirm their place the guests pay a Dine to Meet fee. The guests are then met on the night by a Dine to Meet representative who introduces the group to one another and leaves them to enjoy the rest of their evening. Since setting up in Galway, Eileen has successfully brought the concept to Dublin and Cork.

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PHYLLIS HAYES
Corrib Dance Academy

Phyllis Hayes is both the owner and principal of the Corrib Dance Academy (CDA) for almost 10 years. Recently the main dance centre for the West of Ireland was moved to their purpose built dance studios in Briarhill Business Park. This was to facilitate the expansion of the programme of classes on offer to both children and adults. In 2003, Phyllis founded the Vocational training programme to offer these able students to have their training more streamlined and tailor made for a career in dance. CDA now has the highest number of students in Ireland training at this level. Phyllis and her team at CDA are planning to launch a new Youth Dance company, Youth Ballet West, in December to coincide with the Academy's tenth anniversary. Phyllis had previously spent 5 years teaching at Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) schools, in Italy, Greece and Germany. She is currently the appointed mentor for RAD to enable her to train teachers.

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THOMAS HEAVEY
Irish Vintage Scene

In 2006 Ireland's only Vintage magazine business was set up by Thomas Heavey who from an early age had developed a passion for cars. This passion resulted in creating a magazine which caters for enthusiasts of vintage and classic cars, tractors, commercial vehicles and much more. Until now all magazines on this subject were imported hence the birth of Irish Vintage Scene. The magazine is sold through shops and a subscriber base. It currently has sales of 5,400 copies per month. Copies of the magazine are also available at vintage shows.

Thomas's entrepreneurial background comes from running the family business and more recently a stocktaking services company for pubs and hotels.

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