

STUDENT ENTERPRISE AWARENESS DAY



Pictured are students from Loreto College Cavan, St. Clare's College, Ballyjamesduff, Bailieborough Community School, Virginia College, Breifne College Cavan, St. Bricin's Belturbet, St. Mogue's Bawnboy, St. Aidan's Cootehill. Seated front row left to right: Ruth Scott, 2fm; Ann Rudden, Aine's Chocolates; Marcella Rudden, Business Advisor, Cavan CEB.

Cavan County Enterprise Board hosted a "Student Enterprise Awareness Day" on Monday October 15th in the Slieve Russell Hotel. Record numbers of students attended the event with almost 400 students traveling from eight schools all over the county to hear the panel of speakers.

The day was part of the Cavan County Enterprise Board's Schools Enterprise Programme and there were many highlights for the students including hearing from Cavan's Sean Gallagher, co founder of Smarthomes – who was one of the finalists in the 2006 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Programme. His company specialises in the pre-cabing of new homes for the latest in communications and entertainment services. Ruth Scott from 2FM acted as Master of Ceremonies at the event.

Also on the panel was seven times gold medal winner in the "Great Taste Awards" – Ann Rudden, from Aine's Handmade Chocolate. Ann's business is based in Stradone, Co. Cavan and she shared with the students how she developed her trade to become one of the most respected in the business, with endorsements by renowned authorities such as celebrity chef Rick Stein and the Bridgestone Guide.

The event also provided an opportunity for Cavan County Enterprise Board to showcase a new and innovative teaching resource called "Exploring Enterprise" which has been developed by the County & City Enterprise Boards in association with the Second Level Support Service. Students and teachers were privy to a special viewing of the accompanying DVD featuring young successful entrepreneurs such as John Bennet, Adrenalin Internet Systems, a young entrepreneur who, whilst still in college, secured the contract to build the Ryanair Website. Gillian Moore, who formed a company called Fuscita, based in Scotch Hall Drogheda, shared her story of building her own successful make-up company. A business with a celebrity

twist, Paddy Dunning of Temple Bar Music and Grouse Lodge Recording Studios in Co. Westmeath, enthralled students with his story of building his recording studio business which currently attracts recording artists such as Manic Street Preachers, Muse, Stereophonics, Michael Jackson & the Waterboys.

The students and teachers who attended the Cavan Student Enterprise Day were also treated to a 'master class' in how to kick-start an enterprise culture in their school. Roisin McFeely from Bright Futures & the World of Enterprise gave an exciting, inspirational and educational presentation on Enterprise & Entrepreneurship.

Speaking at the event, Mr. Vincent Reynolds, CEO, Cavan County Enterprise Board (CCEB) said how encouraged he was by the tremendous turnout by the schools in the county to the event. He went on to say, "Our outstanding economic performance has been supported by a young, educated population and the Irish economy needs entrepreneurship for sustained progress. Home grown business ideas that express high levels of initiative and creativity will allow us to preserve the economic progress, improved living standards and employment that is associated with Ireland today".

Mr. Reynolds also said that entrepreneurship is a key competence for all, helping young people to be more creative and self-confident in whatever they undertake and empowering them to act in a socially responsible way.

SPRING 2008 TRAINING

Cavan County Enterprise Board will soon be unveiling its Spring 2008 training schedule for small businesses in County Cavan.

The planned training, which will commence in February 2008 and run until April will include, Start Your Own Business Programmes, Taxation For Small Business; SAGE computerised accounts, Practical Marketing for Small Business, Staff Recruitment & Selection and many more.

Details of the full programme will be available on our website – www.cavanenterprise.ie from January 2008 onwards.

CAVAN BUSINESS DISCUSSION FORUM

The key aim of the Business Discussion Forum is to offer owner managers of small businesses in Cavan an opportunity to meet each other and have focused discussions on issues of common interest with a view to problem solving for all.

If you would like to participate in the forum in 2008 and would like to receive information on planned events please contact Jim Fox on 049 43 77200 or email jamesfox@cceb.ie

PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL AWARD FOR CO. CAVAN COMPANY



Pictured Left to Right: Carol Lynch, Director, Crannagh & Co; James Fox, Assistant CEO, Cavan County Enterprise Board; Leanne McPhillips, Crannagh & Co; Vincent Reynolds, CEO, Cavan CEB; Lorna Guckian, Crannagh & Co; Michelle Lynch, Director, Crannagh & Co; Jack Keyes, Chairman, Cavan CEB.

Crannagh & Co International Trade & Business Services Ltd won national acclaim at a glittering ceremony in Dublin Castle on November 6th. The Belturbet based company were crowned the Winner of the County & City Enterprise Board's National Enterprise Awards 2007. In its tenth year, the National Enterprise Awards is the largest competition of its kind for small businesses in Ireland. It aims to recognise and acknowledge the entrepreneurial and economic achievements of small businesses in Ireland today.

Crannagh & Co. were established in 2006 by directors and sisters-in-law Carol Lynch & Michelle Lynch. A unique operation, the company provide international trade and business services to both indigenous and multinational companies. Seventeen of the

Top Fortune 500 companies and twelve of the 100 largest private companies worldwide are among their client base, particularly in areas such as aviation, technology, healthcare, pharmaceutical and bloodstock sectors.

Michelle, a barrister specialising in International Law and former Vice President of the World Trade Centre in New York, and Carol, a former Vice Chairperson of KPMG's European Trade & Customs Practice, have channelled their cumulative knowledge and expertise to propel the company to its current successful position in the marketplace. Currently employing eight staff, the company aims to target an increased base of international trading businesses and build upon their highly prized reputation.

Crannagh & Co. are located at Creeny, Belturbet, tel: 049 9522789 or www.crannaghtrade.eu

MICROTRADE EVENT



Pictured left to right: Julie Jordan, InterTradeIreland, Vincent Reynolds, CEO, Cavan CEB, Brian McAuley, Dungannon Enterprise Centre, Breannan Casey, Project Manager, Microtrade.

Cavan County Enterprise Board in conjunction with Longford County Enterprise Board, Dungannon Enterprise Centre and Cavan Innovation & Technology Centre, as part of the Microtrade programme, hosted an event "Overcoming the Competitiveness Challenge", aimed specifically at the engineering sector.

Nine companies from this sector in Co. Cavan participated in a networking dinner on September 24th followed by a one day conference on the 25th. Representatives from industry, manufacturing companies and academia north and south presented their outlook on the technical and business challenges facing small and medium sized engineering companies today.

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All of the staff at Cavan County Enterprise Board wish all of our clients, present and future, and the business community generally, a very Happy Christmas and a productive and profitable New Year.

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