

Kildare's finest entrepreneurs honoured

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SOME of Kildare's best and brightest business people were honoured at a black tie event at the Killashee House Hotel last Friday night, April 8.

The inaugural Kildare Entrepreneurial Awards were set up to recognise the 'can do' spirit that exists in Lilywhite businesses.

Ten awards were given out in total, recognising every aspect of business life, from new companies, services, pubs, eateries, young business people and those involved in charity work.

The awards are the brainchild of a group of businesspeople who realised the need to promote the businesses and services which Kildare has to offer. Organiser Alison Cummins said that hundreds of businesses around the county entered the competition, from which they whittled down shortlists in each category.

"We know that year upon year this event will grow, and we are very proud to be showcasing the entrepreneurial spirit from all over Co Kildare," she said.

The winners on the night were: Charity - Sensational Kids, Kildare town; Eatery - Missy Moo's, Naas; Retail - The Good Food Gallery, Kilcullen; E-Commerce - TGC Gift Co, Newbridge; Young Person - Ringin in the Rain, Naas; New Business - I Do Weddings, Athy; Services - Oliver O'Reilly, Aliara; Green - Clane Building Works; Manufacturing & Distribution - Eventovate, Kilcock and Pub - The Old House, Kill.

The winner of the overall award, which was presented by sponsors O'Kelly Sutton, was Clane Building Works.



■ Pat Sutton (centre) of sponsors Kelly Sutton presents the overall winner of the Kildare Entrepreneurial Awards 2011 to Johanna and John King of Clane Building works at the presentation night in Killashee Hotel on Friday, April 8.

Photos
Tony Keane.



■ Entrepreneurial Award winners Sean Reilly of Reilly Funeral Directors, Prosperous, Services Category; Kevin Lawlor, Old House, Kill, Pub Category; and Paul Carey, Good Food Gallery, Retail Category.



■ Entrepreneurial Award winners Siobhan Woods of Missy Moos Ice Cream Parlour, Naas, Eatery Category; John Tierney of TGC Gifts, Newbridge, E-Commerce Category; and Karen Leigh of 'Sensational Kids', Charity Category.



■ Entrepreneurial Award winners Laura Leigh of 'I Do Weddings' Athy, New Business Category; and Megan Dooley of 'Ringin' in the Rain', u-21 Business Category.

County Kildare LEADER Partnership Wishes to recruit a Tús Supervisor (2 positions)

A new work initiative, "Tús - Community Work Placement", will provide short-term quality and suitable working opportunities for people who are unemployed while at the same time carrying out a broad range of services of benefit to the community and in a variety of community settings.

Applicants must be:

- Continuously unemployed for at least 12 months and "signing" on a full-time basis, and
- In receipt of Jobseekers Allowance at time of application.

The successful candidate should have excellent communication and inter-personal skills, a good standard of education and be computer literate. In addition s/he should also have previous management/supervisor experience and demonstrate an ability to relate to and support participants. Access to transport and a full driving licence is essential. Knowledge of community activities and work will be an advantage.

Salary €31,005 p.a.

Please forward a full CV and letter of application to:

The Social Inclusion Manager,
County Kildare LEADER Partnership,
Jigginstown Commercial Centre,
Naas, Co. Kildare.

Further details can be obtained by contacting tus@countykildarelp.ie or by phoning 045 895450

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Closing date for applications: 26th April 2011



Glanbia Agribusiness Rathcoffey, Co. Kildare - Vacancies.

Glanbia Agribusiness has opened a new site at Rathcoffey, Co. Kildare and is now seeking applications for the following vacancies:

Branch Manager: This position will have responsibility for the management of all Site operations, the development of customer relationships and for all sales and margins. Candidates are expected to have a minimum of 5 years experience in a similar commercial role, people management and leadership experience with a keen commercial awareness as well as excellent IT skills.

Yard / Store Operator: This position will have responsibility for yard and store operations on the site including serving customers, to work on all aspects of stocks and ensuring the highest levels of merchandising. Candidates are expected to have yard / store experience in a similar role, a strong knowledge of Agriculture, flexibility to work across the yard, store and shop if required and a forklift driving license.

If your CV meets the criteria for this position and you wish to apply, please forward all relevant details to:

Michael O'Leary,
Human Resources Department,
Glanbia Agribusiness,
Goresbridge,
Co. Kilkenny.

Or mpoleary@glanbia.ie by Friday the 22nd of April 2011.