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Local students win enterprise award at National Final

15 years of student enterprise programme celebrated by Local Enterprise Offices in Croke Park

Teenage entrepreneurs from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown have won an award at the Student Enterprise Programme National Finals this week, organised by the Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs) for secondary schools.

ROC Protection from Clonkeen College won the '1st Place - Overall Category' prize in the senior category, in front of more than 500 guests at the awards ceremony in Croke Park (on Wednesday, May 3rd).

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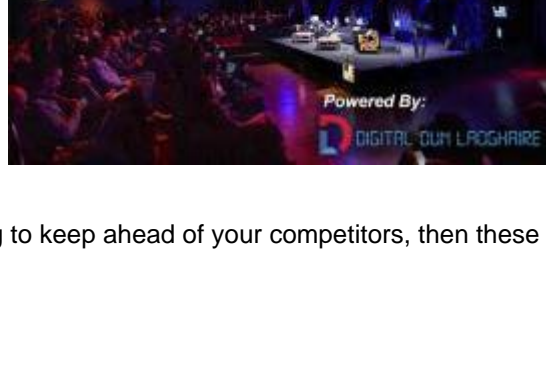
DLR Summit: Digital Transformation - Thursday 8th June

This conference has been designed to assist business leaders, decision makers, startups, entrepreneurs and thought leaders in navigating a successful path to digital success.

DLR Summit will help you to understand how you can continue to transform your business to take advantage of the ever-dynamic digital changes that are affecting our economic and social structures.

This conference, which is taking place in the Pavilion Theatre, Dún Laoghaire features some of the most forward thinking online strategists and implementors of digital transformation. If you are going to keep ahead of your competitors, then these are the people that you want to learn from.

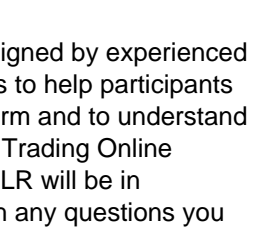
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Trading Online Voucher Information Seminar - Thursday 11th May

The Local Enterprise Office Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown are hosting a free seminar **exclusively** for those business who wish to apply for a Trading Online Voucher.



The morning has been designed by experienced digital marketing specialists to help participants complete the application form and to understand how to make best use of a Trading Online Voucher. Staff from LEO DLR will be in attendance to help you with any questions you may have in relation to how the fund works.

This information seminar is taking place in the Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire from 9.30am-1.30pm. Attendance is free but advance booking is essential.

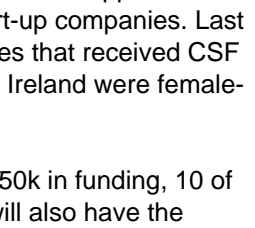
PLEASE NOTE: Applicants must attend this seminar in order to submit application for the Trading Online Voucher - the next application deadline is Friday 26th May at 4pm.

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Competitive Start Fund (CSF) for Female Entrepreneurs Open Evening - Monday 8th May

Enterprise Ireland's €750,000 Competitive Start Fund (CSF) for Female Entrepreneurs will open for applications on **Wednesday 3rd May** and closes at **3pm on Wednesday 17th May**. Equity funding of €50,000 is available to a maximum of 15 successful female applicants with early stage, female-led start-up companies. Last year, one in three companies that received CSF investment from Enterprise Ireland were female-led.



As well as securing up to €50k in funding, 10 of the successful applicants will also have the opportunity to participate in Enterprise Ireland's **INNOVATE** programme delivered by Dublin Business Innovation Centre (BIC).

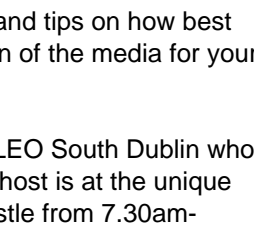
An open evening will take place in the Guinness Enterprise Centre on Monday 8th May at 6pm where you can hear more details on the INNOVATE programme from Enterprise Ireland, Dublin BIC and GEC.

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Dublin Food Chain - Breakfast Workshop, Tuesday 16th May

PR advice for food businesses



PR is a critical element of brand building for any food business. This practical session will see three experts give their own personal advice and tips on how best you can attract the attention of the media for your business.

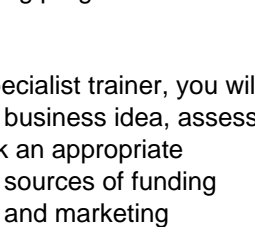
This event is being led by LEO South Dublin who are delighted to be able to host is at the unique setting of Rathfarnham Castle from 7.30am-9.30am.

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Start Your Own Business - Starts Tuesday 16th May

Get Your Business Up & Running in 2017!



Are you looking to Start Your Own Business but unsure of how and where to begin? We've developed an 8 week evening programme for you.

Under the guidance of a specialist trainer, you will learn how to research your business idea, assess its commercial viability, pick an appropriate business structure, identify sources of funding and explore effective sales and marketing strategies. All course content has been carefully chosen to support any new product or service-led business.

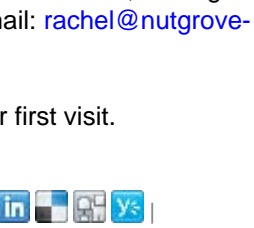
This 8 week course (which runs every Tuesday evening from 6.30pm-9.30pm) takes place in the Nutgrove Enterprise Park, Rathfarnham and the fee is only €150 per person.

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Start Network - Finance for non-Financial People - Tuesday 16th May

At this month's meeting, Andrea Shupinski, a self-employed accountant and business and training specialist will "demystify" jargon accounts and do some "arty busting", explaining the importance and benefits of budgeting and the positive impact of financial planning on decision making.



This network meeting is taking place from 7.00pm-9.00pm in the Radisson Hotel, Stillorgan. To book a place please email: rachel@nutgrove-enterprisepark.ie

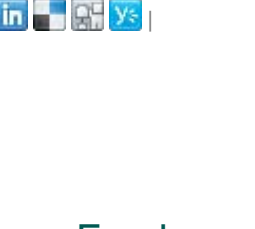
Guests welcome, no fee for first visit.

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Digital Dún Laoghaire Event - How to make your digital company investor ready - Wednesday 17th May

On average digital companies that are well funded grow faster, are more sustainable and employ more staff. Therefore Digital Dún Laoghaire's May meetup brings three leading experts together to share their insights on the fund raising process and how to best prepare your company for this critical activity.



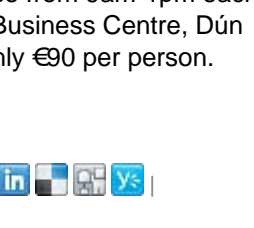
This event is taking place in Starbucks, Dun Laoghaire from 7.30am-8.45am.

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Web Enable your Business for Growth - Starts Tuesday 23rd May

Are you interested in getting more sales for your business while cutting costs of delivering your product or services? Then our 4 week 'Web Enable your Business for Growth Programme' Strategies for Small Business' programme delivered by leading digital expert Eoin Costello is perfect for you.



Invest just 4 mornings over 2 months to create a digital acceleration plan tailored to your business.

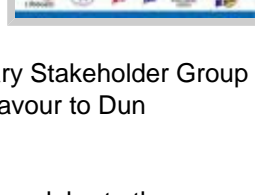
This programme takes place from 9am-1pm each Tuesday in Harbour View Business Centre, Dún Laoghaire and the fee is only €90 per person.

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International Harbour Food Festival - 4th & 5th June

2017 marks the Bicentenary of Dun Laoghaire Harbour. The historic Harbour has been an integral part of the town and its environs as a source of employment, food, safe harbour and point of departure for 200 years.



To commemorate the Bicentenary the Dun Laoghaire County Council and The Bicentenary Stakeholder Group welcome an international flavour to Dun Laoghaire.

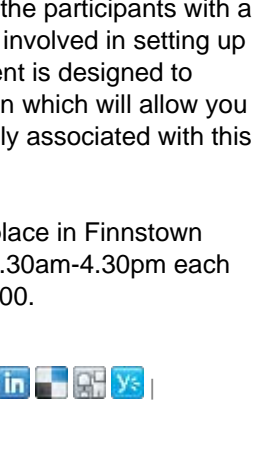
On the 4th & 5th of June we celebrate the Bicentenary by opening our International Harbour Food Festival to the public. The famous Dun Laoghaire East Pier will welcome over 25 international food concessions with a wide variety of cuisines. The family friendly event will feature re-enactments of key events in the Harbours history. The June bank holiday weekend will also see the return of the Marine Art Exhibition featuring a host of local artists.

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Kick Start Your Own Food Business - 2 Day Course - 14th & 28th June

This 'Kick Start Your Own Food Business Programme' is a short two day programme designed to help those with a food idea, or those at a very early stage of starting up a food business (typically the first 24 months).



The objective is to provide the participants with a base knowledge of what is involved in setting up a food business. The content is designed to provide you with information which will allow you to avoid the pit falls normally associated with this journey.

The next course is taking place in Finnstown Castle Hotel, and the cost is only €100.

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Driving Revenue and Profit through Effective Marketing - Wednesday 21st June

Creating sustainability and delivering growth is vital for any business. Therefore, finding and keeping business is one of the key success factors micro businesses should focus on for 2017.



Developing a focussed marketing strategy will help you drive the business forward with profitable outcomes and this half day workshop will provide you with the tips and tools you need in order to do this.

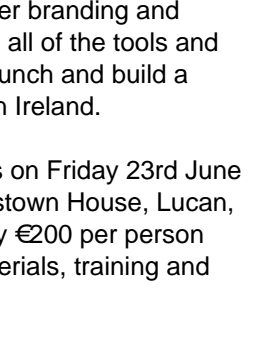
This workshop is taking place from 9am-1pm in the Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire and the cost is only €20.

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Food Academy Start Programme - Starts Friday 23rd June

A two month programme for those looking to develop and grow small-scale food & drink production businesses.



During this programme you will develop an in-depth knowledge of the tools which can be used to assess market background, understand core technical issues facing your food or drink business, learn how to grow sales for your product range through better branding and packaging design and gain all of the tools and knowledge necessary to launch and build a successful food business in Ireland.

The next programme starts on Friday 23rd June and is taking place in Finnstown House, Lucan, Co. Dublin. The cost is only €200 per person (inclusive of all course materials, training and mentoring provided).

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Getting Business from Google Organic and Paid Search Results - Thursday 29th June

Want your website to appear highly in Google searches? Want to learn how to set up Google AdWords campaigns? Book a place on this 1/2 day workshop!



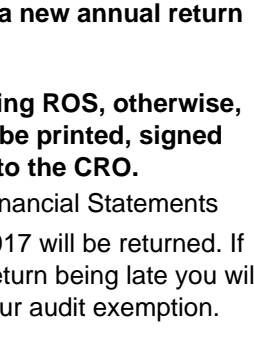
Covering topics including Google Adwords and Analytics, SEO and keywords this half day workshop is taking place from 9am-1pm in the Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire and the cost is only €20.

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Companies Registration Office (CRO) – Mandatory Electronic Filing

The CRO will introduce Mandatory Electronic Filing from 1st June 2017 for the following forms:



- **B1 - Annual Return (including financial statements and electronic payment)**
- **B2 - Change of registered office**
- **B10 - Change of director and/or secretary, or a change in their particulars**
- **B73 - Nomination of a new annual return date**

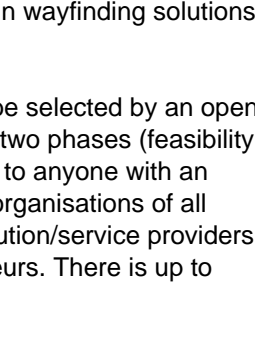
Forms may be signed using ROS, otherwise, the signature page must be printed, signed and submitted manually to the CRO. Paper Forms and Paper Financial Statements filed on or after 1st June 2017 will be returned. If this leads to your annual return being late you will incur penalties and lose your audit exemption. Register with CORE now

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600k SBIR (Small Business Innovation Research) competition for SMEs

Smart Dublin are launching three new SBIR (Small Business Innovation Research) competitions in partnership with Enterprise Ireland.



They are looking for smart and low cost innovative solutions to tackle illegal dumping, to monitor and predict blocked gullies in high risk flooding areas and to design wayfinding solutions in the Dublin region.

Successful applicants will be selected by an open competition process run in two phases (feasibility and prototyping). It is open to anyone with an idea or solution, including organisations of all sizes, tech developers, solution/service providers, universities and entrepreneurs. There is up to €600k in funding available.

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Issue 9: Quarterly 'Dublin Economic Monitor' April 2017

"Dublin's Economic Resurgence Continues Despite International Threats"

The Dublin City Region plays a pivotal role in the economy of Ireland. The Dublin Economic Monitor tracks the capitals performance quarterly to provide insightful data.



April's issue is out now and features Ronan Lyons speaking about housing issues, Cormac McCarthy on infrastructure and the latest economic statistics.

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