

Louth Business Awards 2009

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Your Name:

Business Name:

Business Address:

Number of Branches: Telephone No.

Email Address:

Please indicate (by ticking box) the award category you wish to enter - (you may enter up to 4 categories)

- Best new start up in business award
- Customer excellence award in retail, health and beauty
- Best hospitality provider award
- Special community group award
- Best business website award
- Business growth award
- Best marketing initiative award
- Best training initiative award



Remember: Closing date is Wednesday 12th August 2009

Judging Panel for the overall awards will comprise the following representatives from the organisations named below to decide on the overall winner in each category.

Representatives from Dundalk Chamber and FAS.

There will be four finalist in each category and an overall winner announced on the night.

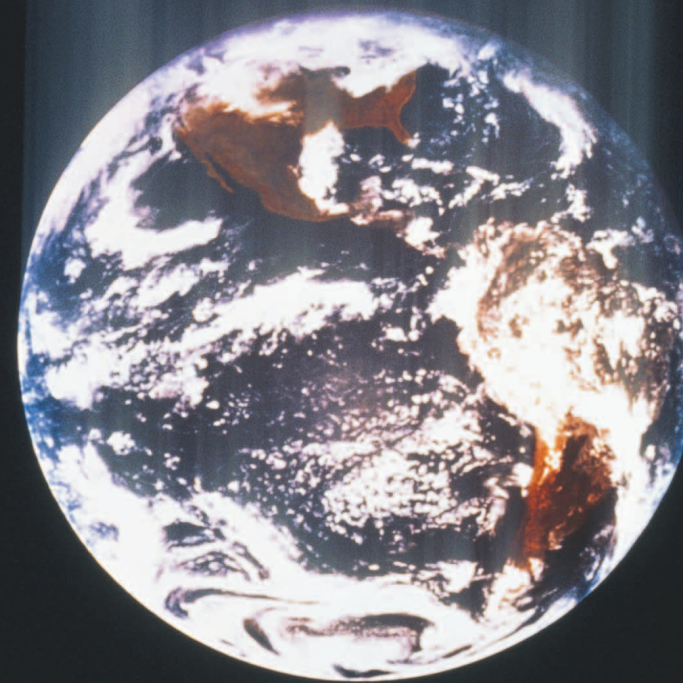
Nominations can be made by:

- Completing nomination forms and returning to the Chamber before the deadline.
- Nominations can come from individuals or from firms themselves or members of the public.
- By completing the nomination form on www.dundalkchamber.ie web site
- Chamber may make a nomination if it recognises a suitable nominee

Please return your entries by post to:

Dundalk Chamber of Commerce, Hagan House, The Ramparts, Dundalk.

Tel: **042 9336343** Fax **042 9332085** email brenda@dundalk.ie or visit www.dundalkchamber.ie



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Foreword

Dundalk Chamber of Commerce is delighted to launch the Louth Business Awards for 2009. The aim of these awards is to recognize the achievements of companies and individuals in promoting excellent services and products in a top class manner.

Given the challenging times we are in we are encouraging companies to rally and recognize the organizations that are performing well.

On behalf of Dundalk Chamber I would like to encourage you to enter your business for these awards and give your company the opportunity to see its profile rise and be seen as a model of success, tough times or not. Success breeds success, so win or lose I'd believe your participation will have positive impact for the morale of all employees.



• Bill Tosh, Executive Director
Dundalk Chamber

Please look at the categories, you may well qualify for more than one, so be sure to select that in which you have best fit. The awards evening provides a good social outing for all contestants.

When will the Awards take place?

The Louth Business Awards will take place at a Black Tie Gala Dinner **on Saturday the 17th October 2009 in the Fairways Hotel.** This amazing night is now one of the highlights in the social calendar in Dundalk. Celebrating local business success stories, guests will mix with local dignitaries and fellow business people. There will also be plenty of glitz and glamour on the night in what is always a truly memorable occasion.

Why Enter these Awards

- Each winner will receive a specially commissioned trophy for display in their premises.
- Recognition through photographs and articles in local media and on our website www.dundalkchamber.ie There will be extensive coverage of the awards in the run up to and event and on the night itself.
- Opportunity to showcase your company to your peers.
- The winners have the opportunity to use this award on their own promotional material.

List of categories

- **Best New Business Start Up** - Have you developed a good idea and turned it into a viable business venture. Sponsored by Recruitment Plus
- **Customer Excellence Award in Retail, Health & Beauty** - This award is designed to celebrate excellence in customer service in the service and retail sector. Sponsored by The Argus
- **Best Hospitality Provider** - this includes Restaurant, Hotels, Leisure - Sponsored by Dundalk Economic Development Company
- **Special Community Group Award** - Open to any organization in the voluntary sector who provides services, funds, resources, knowledge and skills to sustain and develop an important community service. - Sponsored by Outsource Support Services
- **Best Business Website** - Have you a website with a difference - Sponsored by Aquaweb
- **Business Growth Awards** - For a company which has grown considerably in the past five years or has great success with a particular product. Sponsored by Vhi Healthcare
- **Best Marketing Initiative** - For a company who has a great marketing campaign, which has blown your competition out of the market - Sponsored by The Fairways Hotel
- **Best Training Initiative** - This award recognizes a company/organization that has implemented the most effective training programme for its employees in support of the company's objectives - Sponsored by FAS

Important Dates

- Tuesday 12th May- Launch of Awards
- Wednesday 12th August - Closing date for entries
- Monday 5th September- Short listed companies announced- 4 in each category.
- Saturday 17th October 09 - Winners announced at the Gala Dinner

Special Lifetime Achievement Award

This is a special award for a Person who has given outstanding commitment to the Chamber in the past 15 years. This person will be chosen by the management of Dundalk Chamber of Commerce.

