

# THE BUSINESS



Galway's business and appointments news with Julie Tierney

## Countdown to this year's award ceremony for Young Entrepreneur 2005

JCI Galway will host the final of the Galway Young Entrepreneur of the Year Awards in the Ardilaun House Hotel at 7pm sharp tomorrow night.

The event which has proven over the years to be an enjoyable and interesting night will be attended by Deputy Mayor of Galway City Cllr Colette Connolly, the entrants, master of ceremonies Pádraic Ó Máille, committee chairperson Gina Kearns, president JCI Galway Máirín O'Reilly, as well as JCI members and members of the public.

Ten candidates have reached the final round of the Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2005 competition which is sponsored by the *Galway Advertiser* and supported by PriceWaterhouse Coopers. Each finalist has met the criteria of the judges to continue in the competition and has been visited onsite at his/her business premises by the panel of judges.

"The number of top quality entrepreneurs is very encouraging and exciting," said Mark Gibbs from PriceWaterhouse

Coopers. "It is great to see creative and innovative business ideas continue to evolve in the city each year. This competition gives both exposure and recognition to entrepreneurial endeavours which are a key contributor to the current and future commercial success of Galway city and county."

The finalists for 2005 are John McGuire of Fat Tony's, Pearce Flannery of Pragmatica Business Solutions, Paul Gill of the Claregalway Hotel, Kealan Doyle of Seahorse Ireland, Marco Magnetti of Magnetti Foods, Declan Ganley of Rivada Networks, Frances Cahill of Dream Bridal & Consultancy, Patrick McKeown of Asthma Care, Barry Chandler of Inspire Control, and Fergus Curley of Pure H2O Company.

This year's adjudicators include: Mark Gibbs, PriceWaterhouseCoopers; **company director Nilands Ltd**, Marie Niland; manager Galway Business Centre, Ulster Bank, Moyra McMahon; John Lalor, CRH; and John Brennan of West Bic.

On the night all 10 finalists will give a short presentation on their businesses followed by a meal and a special guest speaker on entrepreneurship.

The winner will receive extensive newspaper coverage, the Galway Young Entrepreneur perpetual trophy, and €5,000 worth of invaluable consultancy from PriceWaterhouse Coopers.

PriceWaterhouse Coopers offers a wide range of management consultancy services, aiding businesses on the path to success in a competitive market. Previous winners have benefited greatly from its experience and real world business knowledge and continue to use the services. To find out more about its extensive range of services log onto [www.pwcglobal.com](http://www.pwcglobal.com)

Second prize is a commercial combined insurance voucher to the value of €500 sponsored by Murray & Spelman Insurance Brokers Ltd. Established in Galway in 1956 the company provides independent insurance and



The Galway Young Entrepreneur of the Year will be announced tomorrow night at the awards ceremony, hosted by Junior Chamber International Galway in the Ardilaun House Hotel. Members of the adjudication panel include John Lalor, CRH; John Brennan, WestBic; Moyra McMahon, Ulster Bank; and Mark Gibbs, PriceWaterhouse Coopers (missing from photo Marie Niland, company director Nilands Ltd).

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residential, or document storage markets. For further information telephone (091) 771325 or log on to [www.baronsselfstorage.com](http://www.baronsselfstorage.com)

All finalists will receive a

special plaque and JCI Galway Young Entrepreneur certificate for their participation.

The event is open to the public and tickets (€35) can be booked in advance with Gina Kearns 086 3451996.

## Architects on the move

The firm of John Yates and Associates has expanded and moved to Westbrook House, 28 Woodquay from its previous address at Courthouse Square.

Set up by John Yates 10 years ago, the practice undertakes all types of architectural work and has experience in many diverse areas, such as individually designed houses and housing schemes, both private and public; in the area of educational, religious, civic, and public building design, commercial design, and in the area of urban renewal. Clients include private clients, public agencies, and community groups including Tidy Towns.

The practice is both a member of the RIAI and holds an RIAI Architectural Conservation accreditation. Conservation projects completed include Galway Courthouse restoration, tower houses, churches and historic houses both small and large scale and protected structures' grant applications.

Mr Yates studied architecture at Queens' University Belfast, London South Bank University, and at the University of Glasgow, subsequently working in private and public practice in Belfast, Glasgow, Dublin, and most recently in Galway for 20 years.

Sile Walsh, with first class honours and class gold medallist degree in interior architecture and design from Sligo Institute of Technology leads the interior architectural work of the practice. She has worked on many projects in new design, existing buildings, and on historic

buildings' interiors.

Morgan Cowles was recently recruited to the firm's architectural conservation department. He has 10 years experience as onsite manager on the restoration of historic buildings. He has a first class honours degree in architectural and building conservation being awarded best final year student from the University of Glamorgan. He is a member of the Institute of

Historic Buildings, the Association for Building Preservation and Civic Trust.

Trish Davy is in charge of office administration and ensures individual personal attention at all times in a client focused friendly work environment.

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Architect John Yates with his team, Trish Davy office manager, Sile Walsh interiors architect and Morgan Cowles conservation architect at their Woodquay offices.

## New state-of-the-art city gym in Bohermore

NRG Health & Fitness will open a new city health and fitness club in the Cuirt Seoice apartment complex in Bohermore in January 2006.

For the first time in Galway members of both gyms will enjoy the added benefit of dual membership where they can use either the Knocknacarra facility or the city centre club in Bohermore at no additional cost.

The 14,000sq ft development includes a 20m swimming pool, Precor Gym equipment, spinning studio, steam

rooms, saunas and tyliarium, as well as free underground parking for members.

Celebrating four years in business this year NRG Health & Fitness is the brainchild of Niall Brown and Noelle Kiely. They successfully opened NRG Health & Fitness in Knocknacarra in May 2002.

"Galway is one of the fastest growing cities in Ireland and there is huge demand for gym membership in the city centre and we are thrilled to be involved with the Cuirt Seoice complex," Kiely said.