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### Lobbying

**Last Month Galway Chamber Members  
were represented at:  
Meeting of the Galway Chamber  
Transportation Forum  
CEOs of Irish Chambers  
Council Meeting on Transport for  
Volvo Ocean Race  
Overall advisory group Volvo Ocean  
Race  
Galway Business Watch  
Galway Technology Board Meeting  
Hungarian Business Delegation  
Swedish Business Delegation**



Paul Shelly President Galway Chamber,  
Professor Niamh Brennan and Hannah  
Kiely HC Financial Services Sponsor at  
the most recent Galway Chamber Business  
Lunch held in the Radisson Hotel

**HARBOUR**  
Hotel

**This month's Business After Hours  
Networking Event hosted by the  
Harbour Hotel, Galway Docks will take  
place on Wednesday May 20th at 6 pm  
Bring plenty of business cards. This is a  
free networking opportunity.  
All are welcome**

## BUSINESS AWARDS



**Back Row L to R:** John Brennan  
GTC/eGalway; Paul Shelly President  
Galway Chamber; Brian Bourke Discover  
Galway; Padraig Brennan RDJ Glynn;  
Fintan Monahan Irish Greyhound Board;  
Dave Hickey Galway City Tribune.  
**Front Row L to R:** Ann Melia Failte  
Ireland; Pamela Morris main sponsors Vhi  
Healthcare; Hazel Hendy Artist.  
**Absent from pic:** Joe Walsh Galway  
Airport; Kevin Swift Galway City Council.

The Business Awards 2009 are now  
accepting nominations until May 15<sup>th</sup>. All  
Chamber members are encouraged to  
enter. [www.galwaychamber.com](http://www.galwaychamber.com).  
Awards will be presented at a special  
President's Dinner in the Galway Bay  
Hotel, Salthill on Thursday June 25<sup>th</sup> 2009.  
The Awards are in association with Vhi  
Healthcare.

### Categories:

- 1** The Galway Chamber/RDJ Glynn  
Award for Entrepreneurship &  
Innovation
  - 2** The Galway Chamber/Galway Airport  
Award for Customer Service Excellence
  - 3** The Galway Chamber/Failte Ireland  
Award for Arts/Culture/Sports
  - 4** The Galway Chamber/Galway City  
Council Award for the Environment
  - 5** The Galway Chamber/ Galway City  
Tribune Award for Small & Medium  
Enterprises
  - 6** The Galway Chamber/Discover  
Galway Award for Marketing
  - 7** The Galway Chamber/Galway  
Technology Centre/e-Galway Award for  
eBusiness
  - 8** The Galway Chamber/Irish Greyhound  
Board Award for Corporate Social  
Responsibility
  - 9** The Galway Chamber/ VHI Overall  
Business of the Year Award
- The overall award winner will be  
selected from among the eight category  
winners

## Diary Date

**Galway Chamber Volvo Ocean  
Race Stopover Business Lunch**  
*Sponsored by*  
**The Galway Independent**  
**The Race Village, Galway Docks**  
**Monday May 25<sup>th</sup> @ 12.30pm**  
**Guest Speaker**  
**RTE Dragon, Insomnia CEO and**  
**Sailing Enthusiast**  
**Bobby Kerr**  
Contact Elaine [@galwaychamber.com](mailto:elaine@galwaychamber.com)



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each session.

## Programme of Events

### Monday, 11th May 2009

- Funding and Supports for  
Small Businesses
- Restructuring your Business  
and Current Tax Matters
- Setting up a New Business or  
Expanding an Existing One

### Tuesday, 12th May 2009

- Staff Pension Schemes
- Governance, Compliance,  
Regulation
- Resolving Disputes the Cost  
Effective way

### Wednesday, 13th May 2009

- Employment Law Health  
Check
- Health & Safety at Work
- HR Restructuring in  
Challenging Times

### Thursday, 14th May 2009

- 21 Ways to Market your  
Business
- Making the most of your  
presence on the web
- Effective Communications  
through Media

### Friday, 15th May 2009

- Using Existing and New  
Technology to manage Costs
- Getting Paid on Time

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563536.



Pictured at the recent BAH hosted by Irish Time Design in Royal Villa, Salthill were Tom Laverty, Liz Cassidy, Irish Time Design and Paul Shelly Chamber President.

### Seminar on the Microsoft® BizSpark™ Programme at GTC

WESTBIC and Galway Technology Centre are hosting a seminar on the Microsoft BizSpark Programme at Galway Technology Centre, Mervue Business Park on May 14th at 12.30pm. Microsoft® BizSpark™ offers start ups easy access to current, full-featured Microsoft development tools and platform technologies, as well as production licenses to develop and bring innovative and interoperable solutions to market. The program provides start-ups with access to:

Software..Support, Visibility.

The seminar will include an overview of the program benefits for software companies presented by Ronan Geraghty, Microsoft Ireland as well as presentations from users and hosting partners. In addition, there will be a presentation on the Business Angels program for start-ups seeking funding for their new ventures, which is run in the region by WESTBIC in conjunction with Enterprise Ireland and Inter Trade Ireland. The Seminar will also mark 15 years in business for Galway Technology Centre and will highlight the support and service provided by GTC to technology and knowledge-based enterprises in the Galway Region. All welcome, email: [info@gtc.ie](mailto:info@gtc.ie) to confirm attendance.



### National Bicycle Week

is taking place over the period Saturday

June 13 to Sunday June 21 2009 on an all-island basis. In Galway, Galway Transportation Unit (Galway City Council) is collaborating with a range of stakeholders to rollout a number of initiatives during this week, which will serve to promote and encourage cycling as a means of travel in Galway.

To progress this initiative, Galway Transportation Unit invites your organisation to take part in National

Bicycle Week, which it can do so through a variety of different means including:

A staff cycle to work day.

Developing a staff cycle scheme, which enables staff to cycle rather than drive to work related events during the working day.

Develop a mobility management plan for your organisation.

Participate in cycle training initiatives - further details available shortly.

Promote the bicycle purchase scheme.

Rollout of bicycle racks - note: Galway Transportation may be able to assist with this initiative providing the racks are located in a public area.

To include an event in the Galway programme contact Mr Jim Molloy, Galway Transportation Unit [tel: (091) 894320] as soon as possible. All events will be included in the Galway programme, which will be widely publicised in the run up to the launch of National Bicycle Week.

### Connemara Coast Hotel Award

Ann Downey General manager and her team at the Connemara Coast Hotel have plenty to celebrate right now. Following on their inclusion in the prestigious 2009 Bridgestone '100 Best places to stay in Ireland' and their Failte Ireland 'Best practice/Optimus award' coupled with the Green Energy Award they received in January, CIE tours have just announced the hotel has won an Award of Excellence. The four star Connemara Coast has in recent years invested substantially in upgrading its facilities and added a further 30 new bedrooms and suites in 2007. Last year saw the refurbishment of its Aran Suite, with extensive work to the gardens and a new bridal suite also added this year.

[www.connemaracoast.ie](http://www.connemaracoast.ie)

### Glenlo Abbey Events

The farmers are saying it; the meteorologists are saying it, its going to be a great Summer! With these predictions, let the expert team at Glenlo Abbey Hotel take care of your Executive Corporate event, Dinner Party, Power Meeting or BBQ this Summer.

With a range of beautiful venues such as our 18th Century Stone Cut Abbey, River Room and The Pullman Restaurant aboard the Orient Express available that cater for all group sizes with delicious tailored menus suitable for all events. Glenlo Abbey Hotel looks forward to welcoming locals and visitors to the hotel during the Volvo stopover and will be planning something special for our guests. For further information: Tel: 091- 52 66 66 Web: [www.glenlo.com](http://www.glenlo.com)

### Galway Businesses called on to enter Sustainable Energy Awards 2009

Sustainable Energy Ireland (SEI) has commenced its annual search for Ireland's

most energy efficient businesses with the launch of the Sustainable Energy Awards 2009. The Awards, organised by SEI in association with ESB Customer Supply, recognise the achievements of Irish businesses succeeding in their efforts to cut energy costs and improve environmental performance. Given the growing interests from SMEs in managing their energy costs, entries from small companies are particularly encouraged. All entries can be made online at [www.sei.ie/energyawards](http://www.sei.ie/energyawards) and the deadline for entering is the 29th May, 2009

### Volvo Ocean Race

**Volvo Ocean Race calls all Galway Businesses... Keep up to date with the Volvo Ocean Race Preparations 2009 on [www.letsdoitgalway.com](http://www.letsdoitgalway.com)**

Visit the Let's Do It Galway Team in their new offices on Merchant's Road, the McDonagh Building.

**Check out traffic, road closures etc on [www.galwaychamber.com](http://www.galwaychamber.com)**

### Volvo Ocean Race Galway Stopover Supporting Business Package

On May 23<sup>rd</sup> the biggest international sporting event of 2009, the Volvo Ocean Race, will arrive in Galway. For fifteen days Galway will come alive as an estimated 335,000 people will attend the event and bring €43 million into the local economy. Let's Do It Galway invite you to become a 'Supporting Business'.

As a supporting business you will be provided with a 'Supporting Business Pack' to dress your premises containing Official Merchandise: Bunting, Flags, Beer mats, Window Stickers

For more information contact Mairtin Lally on 091-539995 or email

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For news on traffic and road closure times during the Volvo stopover see [www.galwaychamber.com](http://www.galwaychamber.com) and click on Volvo icon.

## Welcome New Members

### Louis Copeland

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[www.louiscopeiland.ie](http://www.louiscopeiland.ie)

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