

The CCD News

THE
CONVENTION CENTRE
DUBLIN

WINTER 2009/2010

LESS THAN
9 MONTHS
TO OPENING!

C'mon Rudolph,
we've got work
to do....

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Welcome...

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Welcome to our Christmas 2009 newsletter. With less than nine months to go, The CCD has really taken shape over the past year, both in terms of our building and our business.

On the business side, we recently confirmed our 35th event, which is equivalent to 228,900 international delegate days. Our sales team also recently travelled to Barcelona and London to meet future clients and to attend EIBTM. Back in our Dublin office, our pre-opening team is busy appointing new staff and organising site tours for a variety of Irish and international clients, and industry media.

On the building side, The CCD is looking just like our original artist's impression from the exterior. Inside, we are busy fitting out the main meeting and foyer spaces. We are about a month ahead of the construction schedule and are very happy with the speed of the progress to date.

are looking forward to seeing you in 2010 when we can finally share our wonderful building with you all. For more information, please call our sales team on +353 1 8560000.

We hope you enjoy our newsletter.
Nick Waight, CEO

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year. We

Sustainable Wood at The CCD

With our strong commitment to sustainability, we are excited about the stunning wood panel work in our Auditorium. Made from just 4 trees, the 2700m² of steamed beech veneer panels are sourced from a 'controlled wood' or 'sustainable' forest, which has a strict replanting policy in place for every tree harvested. The veneer is 3mm deep and each log provides approx. 600m² – 700m² of veneer.



Dublin in 2010....

Along with our opening in September 2010, Dublin will be an exciting city to visit next year. Chosen as the European Capital of Sport 2010, by the internationally renowned European Capitals of Sport Association (ACES), Dublin will celebrate its achievements as a sporting capital and highlight the tremendous amount of work being carried out by departments, agencies and organisations, to enrich the sporting lives of citizens.

As part of this initiative, Dublin City Council is supporting The All-Island Conference, which is hosted by the Irish Sports Council and Sport Northern Ireland. The conference will be held in The CCD on 22nd October, 2010. The primary focus of the conference will be participation and

it will incorporate plenary sessions and focus sessions from leading national and international speakers.

Next year the city will also welcome the new 2,000-seat Grand Canal Theatre in March and the newly rebuilt 50,000-seat Aviva sports stadium, also known internationally as 'Lansdowne Road', in May.



The CCD Confirms Over 200,000 International Delegate Days

In November, The CCD announced that it has confirmed over 200,000 international delegate days, which helps support Ireland's business tourism goal of €1 billion by 2013, based on research by Fáilte Ireland. The forecasted economic impact for Dublin and Ireland to date is already estimated at €62 million as the international delegates will spend money staying in hotels, taking taxis, dining out and enjoying some of Ireland's many visitor attractions and activities.



The CCD Building Update

With less than 9 months to go, the exterior of the building is almost complete. In the next few weeks, the revolving doors at the front entrance and the over-hanging canopy will be put in place.

New Samuel Beckett Bridge and Luas Tramline Open in December

We are delighted to announce the opening this month of two important transport links for The CCD. The new 'Luas' tram line extension opened on 8th December with a tram stop located behind The CCD building in Spencer Dock. This line links to both Heuston and Connolly Rail stations and local bus routes.

The new Samuel Beckett Bridge opened on 10th December, which links Guild Street north of the Quays (beside The CCD building) with Sir John Rogerson's Quay on the south. Dr. Santiago Calatrava, one of the world's great architects and engineers, designed the bridge.

According to Dr. Calatrava, *"It is rare that an artist is able to contribute to the blueprint of such a historically rich city and I am deeply honoured to provide Dublin with not one, but two signature bridges. While working on the James Joyce Bridge, I developed a deep affinity for the people of Dublin, and I wanted my next bridge to celebrate that connection. It is my sincere hope that the Samuel Beckett Bridge will serve as a monument to Dublin, honouring its past, present and future"*.



Dermod Dwyer Chairman of the Convention Centre Dublin, **Dee Ahearn** Director of Sales & Marketing, **Treasury Holdings Ireland** and **Rob Davies**, Director of the Treasury Holding's Spencer Dock Development at the launch of the Luas at Spencer Dock on 8th December

In the Auditorium, the installation of the timber ceiling and walls is progressing very well, and the carpet and seats are being fitted. The stone cladding work in the Foyers is close to completion and the four kitchens are also almost ready. In The Forum and The Liffey Suite, work is currently underway in preparation for the

installation of the ceiling sails. The furniture for the various meeting spaces as well as the Foyer areas has also been chosen. In addition, the innovative Skyfold system, which will divide the rooms and foyer spaces with the push of a button, is almost complete.

Austin McCormack – Facilities Director



The CCD and the new Samuel Beckett Bridge

Kevin Roche Selects Furniture for The CCD

The Convention Centre Dublin designer Kevin Roche flew into Dublin to see how the building is shaping up and to help select furniture for the new iconic venue situated in Spencer Dock on the banks of the River Liffey. Born in Dublin, the Pritzker award-winning architect is based in Hamden, Connecticut, with his firm Kevin Roche John Dinkeloo and Associates LLC. Apart from designing The CCD, Kevin's most famous work includes the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Oakland Museum in California and the Ford Foundation headquarters in New York, which has been listed for preservation.



Front Left: Nick Waight, The CCD; Kevin Roche, Architect of The CCD; Dermod Dwyer, The CCD

"Being involved with this project since the beginning, it is exciting to be coming close to unveiling The Convention Centre Dublin to the world," said Kevin Roche, Pritzker award-winning architect of The CCD. "To get the opportunity to create a very functional yet truly iconic landmark for Dublin has been a wonderful honour. This building was built from the inside out and I think the glass atrium will ensure everyone visiting The CCD will be able to experience and enjoy the city of Dublin."

New Faces - *Our Growing Team*

For details of our current vacancies, please visit the 'careers' page of our website at www.theccd.ie

In the past few months, we have appointed a number of personnel in Finance, Facilities, Sales and Business Administration. **By Eimear Herron, HR Manager**

In addition, we are also delighted to promote Jillian Hay to Head of Events.

Katrina Codd
Senior Business Administrator



Karen Donnelly
Business Administrator



Finbar Mohan
Senior Accountant



Jillian Hay
Head of Events



Paul Moore
Building Services Contracts Manager



Paul O'Connell
Account Executive



Lynda Reilly
Account Manager UK & Ireland Associations



Jillian joined The CCD team in June 2009 and was promoted to the position of Head of Events in November. Jillian most recently served as Head of Events and Operations with St. George's Bristol, a concert hall with a year-round programme of classical, world, folk and jazz events. A Law graduate of Trinity College Dublin, Jillian is tasked with initiating the planning process for the many conferences already confirmed and developing an Operational Management Plan for The CCD.

'Movember' Campaign



Austin before his 'Movember' was shaved off

Our Facilities Director Austin McCormack participated in the recent Movember Campaign, which is an annual, month-long celebration of the moustache (affectionately known as the "mo"), highlighting men's health issues. Austin raised over €2,000 in aid of prostate and testicular cancer. Here is Austin before his 'Movember' was shaved off during our annual Christmas gathering for clients and friends on 3rd December.

And the Winner is...

We are delighted to announce the winner of 'The CCD News' Autumn 2009 competition...

Congratulations to:

Margaret Shelton (Cuisine de France) who won a Guinness Hamper to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of Guinness!

For details of our latest competition, see overleaf.

250
Remarkable Years

DUBLIN AIRPORT AUTHORITY

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The Dublin Airport Authority (DAA) owns and operates Dublin, Cork and Shannon Airports.

Dublin Airport is currently undergoing a €1.2 billion investment programme to improve, expand and modernise facilities. The centre-piece of the programme is the new passenger terminal T2, which is due to open in November 2010. T2 will offer a radical improvement in passenger comfort levels at Dublin Airport. Making extensive use of natural light throughout, the new terminal will be bigger, brighter and much easier to use.

Terminal Two, which has been designed to meet the needs of long-haul and short-haul passengers in a modern, user-friendly environment, is expected to handle Aer Lingus, transatlantic and other long-haul carriers.

Further information on T2 can be found at www.dublinairportauthority.com/TDA/Overview/



The new T2 Terminal under construction at Dublin Airport



CHRISTMAS TIME IN DUBLIN...

Dublin is full of festive cheer at this time of year. If you are in Dublin this Christmas, why not pop along to the '12 Days of Christmas' market at George's Dock in the IFSC.

Running until 23rd December, opening hours are from 12 noon to 8pm. The market features beautifully decorated stands selling Christmas decorations, seasonal food and unusual craft gifts. As part of the festive atmosphere, there will also be traditional fairground attractions, mulled wine-sellers, carol singing, a German theme bar, eating area and plenty more Christmas entertainment.

For ice-skating fans, you could visit '7UP Christmas on Ice' event. And, if you fancy some indoor entertainment, why not book tickets to a Pantomime, a musical-comedy theatrical production traditionally performed during Christmas and New Year.

Win a set of Waterford Crystal Glasses and a €100 gift voucher for Kilkenney

We have a very exciting prize on offer in this edition, compliments of Kilkenney. One lucky winner will receive a beautiful set of Waterford Crystal glasses and a €100 gift voucher.

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Jewellery and Accessories. Stores are located in the heart of Dublin, Cork, Galway, Killarney and Cashel. Kilkenney also boasts an award winning restaurant situated on the first floor with a clear view into the grounds of Trinity College. The Kilkenney Restaurant is one of the most pleasant places in Dublin to have a casual bite to eat - and the experience lives up to anticipation. For more information, please see their website www.kilkenneyshop.com

For your chance to win, click the link on the homepage of our website and answer the simple question. Closing date is January 31, 2010. Terms and conditions apply.



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The CCD Christmas Reception *3rd December 2009*



From left to right: Grace Ann Fallon - The Four Seasons Hotel, Miriam Kennedy - Dublin Convention Bureau and Ann O'Shea - The Four Seasons Hotel



Dermod Dwyer - The CCD



William Parker - Winroy, Austin McCormack - The CCD and Terry O'Sullivan - Winroy



Jo Dadd - The CCD, Killian Carroll - The CCD, Annette O'Donohue - AIB Bank and Geraldine Ross - AIB Bank



Elaine Phillips - The CCD, Andy Blood and Andrew Kiernan - Principle Design

Upcoming Events for The CCD

International Confex 2010

23rd - 25th February - Earl's Court, London



St. Patrick's Day Celebration in London

17th March - For more details and to attend, please email our sales team at sales@theccd.ie or phone +353 1 856 0000



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