



# Evening Echo

Cork  
People  
With Martina O'Donoghue

## Awards celebrate women in business

**CORK** business women showed they are a force to be reckoned with at the annual Network Cork Women in Business Awards.

More than 120 members and guests gathered at Hayfield Manor for the sold-out event. Network Cork is the local branch of Network Ireland, an organisation for women in business, professions and the arts.

**Donie O'Brien**, commercial director of Eno Wine, sponsor, was one of two men present on the day, along with **Conor Keane**, Business Editor of the *Irish Examiner*. Conor was on the judging panel with **Edel Clancy**, director of communications, Musgrave Group, and **Yvonne Barry**, **Quintas**.

Network Cork President, **Deirdre Waldron** was supported by her Fuzion Communications team members **Jill Collins** and **Alison O'Brien**, as well as her sister **Fiona Waldron**.

Deirdre announced that Network has formed an alliance with the country's enterprise boards to create an even stronger force dedicated to supporting women in business. **Ita Murphy** from Cork City Enterprise Board was present.

We also heard from **Julia Lynes**, national president of Network Ireland, who said her theme for the year was 'connecting opportunities.' She urged members who travel for work to connect with other Network members around the country.

Julia, who runs EazyCity



**Gail Enright of Mike Enright and Co; Jennifer Cashman, Ronan Daly Jermyn Solicitors, and Jeanne Murphy, Contracting 365, at Hayfield Manor.**

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in Cork, Dublin and London, also announced that AIB has formed a new partnership with Network to promote women in business, and from AIB came **Noreen Walsh**, **Fiona Mahon**, **Emer Cassidy**, **Oonagh Connolly**, **Vivienne Barrett**, **Vicki Creen** and **Christine McGowan**.

Guest speaker for the day was **Ramona Nicholas** of Cara Pharmacies who has enjoyed an increased profile over the past few months as a mentor on *Dragons' Den*.

Ramona had a rapt audience which included **Lucy O'Donoghue** of Lucy O'Donoghue Consulting, **Sandra Murphy** from The Rising Tide, **Tuula Harrington** from Designworks, **Nicola Carroll** from The

**Bodega**, **Martha Mulconry** of Makeup by Martha, **Rosemary O'Leary** from the Mercy University Hospital Foundation, **Yvonne Farrar** from Kanvas, **Sabrina Hill** from Kopper Hair and **Valerie Finnegan Cahill** from Ikon Hair Design.

Journalists **Wendy Good**, **Colette Sheridan** and **Deirdre O'Shaughnessy** were mingling, as were **Joan Cashman** of Colour and Image Academy; **Educogym's Nessa Cotter** and **Irene Twohig** and florist **Fiona Donnelly** from Petals.

Key members of Network Cork present included **Carla Manning** of CACM Accountants, vice president; **Helen Wycherley** of Celtic Ross Hotel, secretary; **Natasha Lynch** of Essential Lynch,

**PRO; Ingrid Homich** of Cork International Airport, E-zine Officer; former President **Rebecca Birchill** from Fishers of Newtownmount-kennedy; and **Joan Walsh** of Partnership Europe, Business Awards Co-ordinator.

However, those enjoying the day most must surely have been the award winners: **Ellie Redmond**, director of Movie Junction won in the New Business category; **Carol O'Leary**, general manager of Eazycork won in the Employee category; and **Sharon O'Donoghue**, sales and marketing director at Brook Catering won Businesswoman of the Year in the Self-Employed category.

They go forward to the national finals which will be held in Cork in October.





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At the awards were Aoife Dunne and Norma Lynch of Cork Chamber.

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Celebrating Excellence in Business were Michelle Johnson, ASA Marketing, and Jenny Murphy, Red Balloon.

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Carla Manning, CACM Accountants, and Rose Gown, Rose Gown Photography.

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Grace Penney, Bridal Diamond; Fiona Collins, Cork Chartered Accountants; and Louise Moran, Fairy Godmother Weddings.

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Employee Award winner Carol O'Leary, General Manager, Eazycork; Overall winner and Established Business award winner, Sharon O'Donoghue, Brook Catering, and New Business award winner, Ellie Redmond, Director, Movie Junction Cinema, at the Network Cork business awards luncheon at Hayfield Manor.

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Liz O'Regan, The Hair Barn, and Ciara McDonnell, JW O'Donovan Solicitors.

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Lorraine Blackshields Procuro Physical Therapy, and Valerie Finnegan, Cahill Ikon Hair Design.

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Joelle Coade and Victoria Power from Acet at the Network Cork Business awards luncheon at Hayfield Manor.

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Winner Ramona Nicholas, Cara Pharmacy; Joan Walsh, Partnership Europe; Deirdre Waldron, President Network, Cork, New Business Award winner Ellie Redmond, director of Movie junction cinema and Yvonne Barry, Quintas.

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