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# 2019 Clare Business Excellence Awards

## Introduction

Welcome to **Clare Business Excellence Awards 2019**.

I have engaged with Clare Business Excellence Awards since their inception, and therefore know first-hand the value and opportunity they offer businesses to compete and differentiate in these changing times.

For businesses operating across County Clare, be they small, medium or large, the benefits of entering these awards are immense. There's the benchmarking aspect, but also winning an established and credible award such as a Clare business Excellence Award feeds into a businesses' ability to attract and retain talent and is a 'door-opener' for new business.

For awards to survive and remain strong, it's important to keep them fresh and relevant. Last year we introduced two new categories, namely 'Leadership in CSR' (won by intel, Shannon) and 'Best Community/Voluntary Group' (won by 12 o' Clock Hills Project, Kilkishen). This year we are proud to introduce two new and timely categories, 'Best Green & Sustainable Practices', sponsored by CupPrint and 'Best use of Digital Marketing/Social Media' – sponsored by Treacy's West County Hotel.

While we thank each of our category sponsors, listed within this brochure, we would like to acknowledge and pay tribute to Clare County Council for continuing in its role as main sponsor of Clare Business Excellence Awards 2019 underpinning its commitment to maintain county Clare's standing as a great place to live and do business.

**GWEN CULLIGAN** President, Ennis Chamber | 2019



**Gwen Culligan**  
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Clare Business Excellence Awards benchmark and celebrate excellence and outstanding achievement amongst businesses operating in the county, and as such Clare County Council is proud to fulfil the role of main sponsor.

This is the tenth consecutive running of Clare Business Excellence Awards, and a big part of its continued success is the mix of award categories it offers, together with the organiser's willingness to continuously up-date categories to reflect the diverse and evolving business landscape in County Clare.

Clare Business Excellence Awards present an opportunity for all types and sizes of business to enter. What is particularly heartening is knowing that businesses from every corner of the county participate, as evident from the list of winners and finalists over the years.

Winners last year ranged from Meere's Pork Products, a micro/family business based in Quin to Intel Shannon and from The Burren Perfumery to Trump International.

I encourage businesses to enter these awards, as an opportunity to receive constructive feedback from independent adjudicators and to benchmark their performance against competitors.

On behalf of Clare County Council, I wish all those businesses participating in this year's Clare Business Excellence Awards the very best of luck and I look forward to meeting the finalists at the Awards Gala on November 21st.

**CLLR. CATHAL CROWE** Mayor of Clare | 2019



**Cllr. Cathal Crowe**  
Mayor of Clare  
2019



# ENTRIES & JUDGING

## Why Enter the Clare Business Excellence Awards 2019?

It makes good business sense on many levels, it provides:

- ☐ A benchmarking opportunity
- ☐ Independent judges feedback
- ☐ A means to differentiate you from competitors
- ☐ Brand awareness building
- ☐ Recognition of your businesses achievements and successes
- ☐ Access to new customers (opens doors)
- ☐ Boost to staff morale and helps attract and retain talent

Cost Per Entry: €100

Can you enter more than one category? Yes

- NB:
- ☐ Cost per entry for restaurants/cafes /bistros is €100 plus voucher (value at entrants own discretion) to be redeemed by mystery diner (after they have dined!)
  - ☐ FREE entry for Best Voluntary/Community Group category

Entries Deadline: Friday August 16

Adjudication: Starts Monday August 17

Judging the Winners

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To ensure independent, impartial and professional adjudication, Ennis Chamber has retained the services of Spotcheck NI.

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# CLARE BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2019

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### BEST GREEN & SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

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### BEST MICRO BUSINESS (employing 10 people or less)

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### LEADERSHIP IN CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR)

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### CLARE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES EXCELLENCE AWARD

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### BEST TOURISM EXPERIENCE IN CLARE

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### BEST USE OF DIGITAL MARKETING/SOCIAL MEDIA

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### CLARE RETAILER OF THE YEAR

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### CLARE CUSTOMER SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD

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### BEST HOSPITALITY PROVIDER

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### BEST LICENSED PREMISES

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### BEST PLACE TO EAT (2 sub-categories)

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- BEST PLACE TO EAT - RESTAURANT

- BEST PLACE TO EAT - BISTRO/CAFÉ



### BEST VOLUNTARY/COMMUNITY GROUP IN CLARE

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### OVERALL WINNER CLARE BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2019

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# BEST GREEN & SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

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This award is open to businesses small or large, from across all sectors that demonstrate meaningful commitment to the implementation of green and sustainable practices.

Applicants are required to demonstrate a proven commitment to environmentally friendly and ecologically responsible business decisions, to help protect the environment and sustain its natural resources for current and future generations.

This award is independently judged by written submission. Judges will look for evidence of elements of the following:

- ☐ Specific steps your business has taken to be more environmentally friendly
- ☐ Has your business a proven commitment to green procurement?
- ☐ Has better environmental performance led to improved resource efficiency/ direct cost savings?
- ☐ Has a commitment to green practices improved access to customers?
- ☐ Does your organisation's commitment to Green Practices help you attract and retain talent?

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# BEST MICRO BUSINESS IN CLARE (EMPLOYING 10 PEOPLE OR LESS)

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This award is open to all small independently owned businesses who employ 10 staff (FTE) or less, whose growth and quality of management has enabled it to out-perform the competition.

This award is judged by written submission and judges will be looking for evidence of the following:

- Evidence of key growth areas for the business and how these have been identified
- Evidence of robust management systems appropriate to the operation of the business
- Evidence of innovation in terms of the product or service provided
- Evidence of a carefully planned growth strategy to sustain current success

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# LEADERSHIP IN CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR)

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This award celebrates the positive impact of business on the local communities in County Clare. It is designed to recognise businesses that set the standard in terms of positively impacting on the community through their Corporate Social Responsibility policy.

The applicant will be required to demonstrate innovative engagement and a clear strategy that has made a real contribution to sustainable development by delivering economic, social and/or environmental benefits for the local community.

The company can focus on one successful project including the aims, how it was rolled out, what the outcomes were including KPIs and how they were measured or more generally on its overall CSR policy – what it entails and results.

Written applications will be judged on how the company embraces their responsibility to one or more of the following:

- Evidence of how company employees are encouraged to get involved with CSR activities and the impact those activities have had on local communities (a case study on one or more CSR initiative(s) carried out over the past 12 months will suffice)
- Evidence of how the organisation's CSR activities have impacted other stakeholders
- Evidence how the organisation has protected the environment from industrial impact



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# PROFESSIONAL SERVICES EXCELLENCE AWARD

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This award is open to all businesses in the professional services sector that can demonstrate excellence in business practice across the full range of their activities.

Judges will be looking for evidence of:

- Robust and sustainable management systems and procedures.
- Clear evidence of ongoing employee development
- A planned growth strategy in terms of all areas of the business and suitability to service users.
- Evidence of a customer focused culture that is reinforced at all levels of the business.

Company size, available finance and resources will be taken into consideration by the judges. Entrants will be asked to complete an application form to provide evidence to support their submission and give the judges a clear understanding of how they meet the award criteria.

Please note that the judges are aware of the commercial sensitivity of information provided and all submitted material will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

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# BEST USE OF DIGITAL MARKETING /SOCIAL MEDIA

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A recent survey revealed 97 percent of the Irish population have access to a Smartphone and on average smartphone users here look at their phones 55 times a day!

(Source:Ipsos MORI)

The rise in smartphone use has underpinned the explosive growth in social media and in turn digital marketing.

A savvy digital marketing strategy is viewed as critical to increasing revenue.

Your business doesn't have to be as attached to Twitter as POTUS to enter this category, but you will need to demonstrate some of the following abilities:

- ❑ Explore and leverage the digital space
- ❑ Tell a good story on Instagram/get the best out of Facebook/harness the power of Twitter
- ❑ Engage with customers/drive sales/ target new leads

The judges are happy to receive applications that focus on a business's overall digital strategy across all platforms (Web/Facebook/Twitter/Instagram) or to accept applications that focus on a specific campaign.

What is essential to demonstrate is that you adopted a strategic and creative approach and got measurably positive results.

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# BEST TOURISM EXPERIENCE IN CLARE

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This category is open to any tourism or hospitality business including visitor attractions, activity based or guided experience, museums, historic houses, gardens, exhibition centres, hotels, conference and banqueting venues.

This award will be judged initially by written submission and a brief mystery visit will form part of the judging process.

Judges will be looking for evidence of:

- Commitment to excellence across all areas of the business
- Sustainable and environmentally sound practices across all areas of the business, supporting and involving the local community
- A range of marketing activities which provide visitors with comprehensive and accessible information

Company size, available finance and resources will be taken into consideration by the judges. Entrants will be asked to complete an application form to provide evidence to support their submission and give the judges a clear understanding of how they meet the award criteria. Please provide recent photographs and brochures to support your application and where appropriate reviews and ratings.

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# BEST LICENSED PREMISES IN CLARE

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New to the line-up of awards last year, this category attracted a good level of entries from across the county and we hope to build on that platform this year, by attracting even more entries!

This award is open to all licensed premises including bars, pubs and hotels. The winner of this award must be able to impress the judges. Clare pubs are famous for their friendliness and warmth, the judges will look for evidence of this, together with the owner/management's ability to create an environment tailored to their clientele's needs. While adhering to the best practice operational standards in the sector.

Mystery guests will assess the premises, the service and interaction with the customer and the environment provided in terms of the target market.

Areas of consideration will include:

- The exterior and interior impact and décor
- Interaction with customers
- Products and services available
- Hygiene and cleanliness
- Entertainment and security

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# BEST PLACE TO EAT - BEST RESTAURANT

## BEST PLACE TO EAT - BEST BISTRO/CAFÉ

Sponsored by Pallas Foods

Best Place to Eat has two sub-categories to reflect the breadth of eating experiences. They are:

1. 'Best Place to Eat – Best Restaurant in Clare'
2. 'Best Place to Eat – Best Bistro or Café in Clare'

Both of these awards are judged by mystery diners who will visit each business to sample the unique customer experience and savour the quality of the food served.

Each entrant to this category will be judged across all aspects of services and facilities with particular emphasis on the food offering.

The mystery diner will pay particular attention to:

- The initial impact of the business/ ambience and character
- How staff interact with customers and enhance the customer experience
- An uncompromising commitment to flavour and quality of food
- Interesting and innovative menu choices
- Excellent and appropriate food service

Company size, available finance and resources will be taken into consideration by the judges. Entrants are asked to complete an application form to provide evidence to support their submission and give the judges a clear understanding of how they meet the award criteria.

Please note that the judges are aware of the commercial sensitivity of information provided and all submitted material will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Entrants are asked to provide a voucher with agreed limited value to be used by the mystery diners.

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# CUSTOMER SERVICES EXCELLENCE AWARD

Sponsored by HLB McKeogh Gallagher Ryan

This category is open to any business that can demonstrate their focus on, and excellence in customer service. Mystery shoppers will look at all aspects of the service provided in terms of staff interaction and the range of services on offer as appropriate to the needs of customers.

The mystery shopper will pay particular attention to:

- The initial impact of the business
- How the staff interact with customers and enhance the customer experience
- How the business exceeds customer expectations
- How the services provided delight the customers

Company size and resources will be taken into consideration by the judges. Entrants will be asked to complete an application form to provide evidence to support their submission and give the judges a clear understanding of how they meet the award criteria.

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# BEST HOSPITALITY PROVIDER IN CLARE

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This award is designed to celebrate the best hospitality in Clare and is open to any hospitality business that can demonstrate how they have successfully created an attractive and guest friendly environment which exceeds expectation and delights customers.

This category will be judged by mystery guests who will pay particular attention to:

- The quality of the experience
- The range of facilities and the overall appeal to a broad range of visitors
- The initial impact of the business
- How the staff interact with customers and enhance the customer experience
- How the business exceeds customer expectations

Company size, available finance and resources will be taken into consideration by the judges. Entrants are asked to complete an application form to provide evidence to support their submission and give the judges a clear understanding of how they meet the award criteria.

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# CLARE RETAILER OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by Ennis Gold Gift Vouchers

This award is open to all retailers who want to be recognised for their exceptional and unique customer offering. The winner will be able to demonstrate their individuality and innovation in merchandising, product range, services and a real understanding of their customer needs.

Mystery shoppers will visit each entrant and will be looking for:

- ☐ How well the product range and services reflect the type and size of the store
- ☐ The provision of value added services which customers may not expect to find
- ☐ Excellent retail standards in all areas of the store
- ☐ Innovative and exciting product range
- ☐ Excellent merchandising and display
- ☐ Welcoming and well-informed staff

Judges will take into consideration the company size, available finance resources and existence, or not, of an IT department. They will look at planning, implementation and evaluation of the solution, in addition to the innovation and design.

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The advertisement features a yellow background with a faint silhouette of a bridge and buildings. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical layout. At the top left, the 'ENNIS Gold' logo is displayed in a large, stylized font. To its right is the Ennis Chamber logo, which includes a globe icon and the tagline 'Advancing business together'. Below the logo, a yellow banner with the words 'GIFT VOUCHER' in white capital letters is centered. Underneath this, the text 'ENNIS GOLD GIFT VOUCHERS' is written in bold blue capital letters, followed by 'Vouchers can be redeemed in more than 75 retail outlets' in a smaller blue font. The next section states 'Available to purchase at' in blue, followed by 'Ennis Chamber - 54 O'Connell St' in bold blue, and 'Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.30pm' in blue. At the bottom, it says 'For more Information go to' in blue, followed by the website 'www.ennischamber.ie' in bold blue.

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# BEST VOLUNTARY/COMMUNITY GROUP IN CLARE

Sponsored by St Francis Credit Union

This 'FREE to Enter' award is open to voluntary and community groups, who play a significant role in enhancing the quality of life of their communities. Because these are business awards, we would like to see evidence of how the group applied sound business acumen to deliver great results.

The winning group will be awarded a trophy and a cash prize of €500

One or more of the following criteria should apply:

- ☐ A solid strategy/ business plan
- ☐ Evidence of good leadership, innovation or creativity
- ☐ Positive results

The purpose of this award is to acknowledge groups, powered by volunteers, who have played a significant role in enhancing the quality of life of their communities. Because these are business awards, we would like to see evidence of how the group harnessed and applied individual business or creative skills of its volunteers, to deliver great results.

Nominations are invited from: sports clubs, youth groups, Tidy Towns committees, groups committed to caring for the elderly, the vulnerable or those with special needs, and not forgetting those who organise cultural events or festivals to benefit the local community and the local economy.

This award will recognise and highlight the contribution of voluntary and community groups to the social and cultural life of County Clare

This award is FREE to enter and there is a cash prize of €500 for the winner.

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With its finger firmly on the pulse of community life throughout The Banner, St Francis Credit Union is the perfect sponsor for the inaugural 'Best Voluntary/Community Group in Clare' award, in this year's Clare Business Excellence Awards.

This category, which is free for community groups to enter, will be adjudicated by two members of St Francis Credit Union board of management, plus a member of Ennis Chamber of Commerce Executive Board.

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# GALA AWARDS EVENING

Clare Business Excellence Awards 2019 gala ceremony will take place at Treacy's West County Hotel, Thursday, November 21, 2019

**Tickets:** €65 each, to include Prosecco Reception,  
4 course meal with wine & entertainment.

**Table of 10:** €600

We are delighted to confirm stand-up comedian, best-selling author, award-winning broadcaster and all-round funny guy, Colm O'Regan as this year's Awards MC.

Expect plenty of laughs!

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**Colm O'Regan**  
Awards MC

**The raffle at this year's awards gala is sponsored by Flynn Hotels, with three very stylish gourmet getaways to Cork, Kilkenny and Waterford, each for two people, to be won on the night.**

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Flynn Hotel Group has sponsored three very stylish gourmet getaways to Cork, Kilkenny and Dungarvan, each for two people.

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