

SCCUL | Enterprise Awards 2016

Celebrating Entrepreneurship,
Rewarding Local Enterprise



Closing date for
receipt of applications:
5.30pm Friday 6th November 2015



The Competition

This is the sixth year of the SCCUL Enterprise Awards, an initiative of SCCUL Enterprises Ltd. The 2016 SCCUL Enterprise Awards Ceremony will be hosted by NUI Galway and the ceremony will take place in the Bailey Allen Hall, NUI Galway on Friday 29th January 2016. The SCCUL Enterprise Awards Business Expo will run in conjunction with the awards ceremony and all entrants in the SCCUL Enterprise Awards are invited to attend.

Highlights for 2016

€10,000 Cash Prize for SCCUL Enterprise Awards Overall Winner

For the sixth year running SCCUL Enterprises will award the overall winner a €10,000 cash prize. The overall winner will be chosen from the winners of six categories (Agriculture & Food, Arts Tourism & Sport, Business Services, Consumer Goods & Services, ICT and Social Enterprise).

SCCUL Enterprise Awards €5,000 Bursary

SCCUL Enterprises is delighted to announce the new 'SCCUL Enterprise Awards Bursary', which will give one local entrepreneur or charity/not for profit organisation a major boost to his/her business. There is no separate application process for the bursary. The Bursary is sponsored by St. Columba's Credit Union.

The Prizes

The 2016 SCCUL Enterprise Awards has a prize fund of over €50,000 which will be shared among the overall winner, bursary recipient, category winners, runners up, students and other prize winners.

SCCUL Enterprise Awards Overall Winner

The overall winner will be chosen from the winners of six categories (Agriculture & Food, Arts Tourism & Sport, Business Services, Consumer Goods & Services, ICT and Social Enterprise) and will

receive a cash prize of €10,000 sponsored by SCCUL Enterprises, a specially commissioned trophy, and a two page business profile worth €2,500 in a special SCCUL Enterprise Awards pull out supplement in the Galway Independent.*

SCCUL Enterprise Awards €5,000 Bursary

This €5000 cash award is designed to support a Galway based business or charity in need of financial support to deal with the day to day challenges in the early years of business. Applicants complete the SCCUL Enterprise Awards application process and the judges will shortlist applicants for the bursary after the preliminary interviews.

Category Winners

Winners in each of the six categories will receive a cash prize of €1,000, a specially commissioned trophy and a full page business profile worth €1,250 in the SCCUL Enterprise Awards pull out supplement in the Galway Independent.*

Runners Up

The runner up in each category will receive a specially commissioned plaque, and a half page business profile worth €750 in the SCCUL Enterprise Awards pull out supplement in the Galway Independent.*

Student Enterprise Award

The SCCUL Student Enterprise Award has a prize fund of €2,000 sponsored by Winters Property Management.

The winners will be announced at the SCCUL Enterprise Awards Ceremony and Business Expo in the Bailey Allen Hall, NUI Galway on Friday 29th January 2016.

** Please note the SCCUL Enterprise Awards Souvenir Supplement will be published in the Galway Independent on Tuesday 15th March 2016. The Galway Independent prize package is valid for that date only.*

The Categories

SCCUL Enterprises are inviting entries from businesses or organisations in the following categories:

Agriculture & Food

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including but not limited to food science, food production, beverage production, horticulture, fish & seafood, and aquaculture.

Arts, Tourism & Sport

Sponsor: Galway City Council & Galway County Council

including but not limited to tourism, entertainment and the leisure industry.

Business Services

Sponsor: Collins McNicholas Recruitment & HR Services Group

incorporates all services provided to businesses including but not limited to PR, Marketing, Legal, HR, Recruitment, Financial, Consultancy.

Consumer Goods & Services

Sponsor: SSL Logistics

includes goods and services provided directly to consumers including but not limited to Retail, Hospitality, Financial services, Education & Training.

ICT (Information and Communications Technology)

Sponsor: Galway City Council & Galway County Council

including but not limited to social media, digital media, cloud computing, web based applications.

Social Enterprise

Sponsor: Mazars

to include not for profit enterprises with a core ethos that prioritises social impact and improvements in human and environmental well being.

Student Enterprise Award

Sponsor: Winters Property Management

The SCCUL Student Enterprise Award was introduced to foster a spirit of enterprise and entrepreneurship at third level. This award will be open to students attending a third level course, up to and including Level 8, at third level institutions in Galway City & County. There is a separate application process for this student category. For further details please check out www.scculawards.ie/studentaward.

Who Can Enter?

As the SCCUL Enterprise Awards is dedicated to supporting and promoting small businesses, the competition is open to all businesses in Galway City and County with a sales turnover not exceeding €1.5 million in their last year of trading.

The SCCUL Enterprise Awards welcomes entries from different forms of Enterprise - this includes new businesses or new innovative projects or undertaking within an existing business. Entries are welcome from both for-profit and not-for profit organisations.

Entrants must be based in Galway City or County. Candidates may enter in one category only. Previous overall winners and category winners from the 2014/2015 SCCUL Enterprise Awards are ineligible to enter this year's competition.

The SCCUL Student Enterprise Award is open to students attending third level institutions in Galway City and County registered on a third level course up to and including Level 8.

For a full list of terms and conditions please see application form or visit www.scculawards.ie.

How Do I Enter?

The competition is free to enter. To enter, fill in the online entry form at www.scculawards.ie or download an application form and email to awards@scculenterprises.ie on or before 5.30pm Friday 6th November 2015. The same application process is used to determine category winners and the recipient of the new SCCUL Enterprise Awards Bursary.

All information submitted on the application form will be treated confidentially and will be used only for the purpose of judging this competition. All entrants will be invited to the SCCUL Enterprise Awards Ceremony and to participate in the Business Expo in the Bailey Allen Hall, NUI Galway on Friday 29th January 2016.



Workshop for Applicants

(Optional to attend)

In order to assist applicants in preparing their applications, SCCUL Enterprises will hold a 'Workshop for Applicants' on Wednesday 28th October at 6pm in the SCCUL Enterprise Centre, Ballybane. The workshop will provide participants with an overview of the judging criteria, and also offer advice and guidance on the application process. The workshop is optional and free to attend, however booking is essential. Contact the SCCUL Enterprises Awards team at awards@scculenterprises.ie or phone 091 386 004 to book your place. For further information visit www.scculawards.ie.



The Judging Process

Following receipt of completed applications candidates will be called for preliminary Interviews. These interviews will be held from Monday 23rd November – Friday 6th December 2015.

- Candidates will receive notification of their interview times by phone and email from Tuesday 17th November 2015.
- After the preliminary interviews finalists will be selected in each category and these finalists will be called for a final interview on Wednesday 16th December 2015 to determine the overall winner.
- Candidates for the bursary will be shortlisted following the preliminary interviews and may be called for an additional interview at the discretion of the selection panel.
- The category winners and runners up may also be shortlisted for the Bursary
- The overall winner will not be eligible for the Bursary award.
- The Judges reserve the right to re-categorise entries as appropriate.
- The Judges' decision is final.
- Canvassing will disqualify.
- The closing date is 5.30pm Friday 6th November 2015.

The Judges

A panel including some of Ireland's most respected business people has been assembled to judge the SCCUL Enterprise Awards 2016. The judging panel is chaired by Declan Dooley, Managing Director, Galway Independent. The deputy chairperson is Austin Sammon, Director, Audit & SME Services, Deloitte.

The full list of judges includes:

Declan Dooley, Chairman.

Austin Sammon, Deputy Chairman.

Dr. Aidan Daly, Adjunct Professor of Marketing, National University of Ireland, Galway.

Alan Farrell, Senior Executive Officer, Community, Enterprise & Economic Development Office, Galway Co. Council.

Ann Mallaghan, Community, Enterprise and Economic Development Office, Galway Co. Council.

Anthony Ryan, Managing Director, Anthony Ryan's Ltd.

Barry Egan, Regional Manager, Enterprise Ireland.

Billy Walsh, Business Consultant.

Breda Fox, Head of Enterprise, Galway Local Enterprise Office.

Brenda Devenish, Account Director, Willis Risk Services Ltd.

Brian Barrett, Administrative Officer, Community, Enterprise & Economic Development Office, Galway Co. Council.

Brian Duffy, Tri Everest Wealth Management.

Cáit Noone, Head of College of Tourism & Arts, Galway Mayo Institute of Technology.

Prof. Cathal O'Donoghue, Head, Rural Economy Development Programme, Teagasc.

Colman Collins, Managing Director, Collins McNicholas Recruitment & HR Services Group.

Colm Feeney, Managing Director, SSL Logistics.

Carmel Brennan, Head of Department of Accounting & Information Systems, Galway Mayo Institute of Technology.

Declan Droney, Kinvara Smoked Salmon.

Declan O'Connor, CEO & Director of Certification, BQAI.

Donncha Hughes, Business Advisor & Trainer.

Dr. Emer Mulligan, Lecturer in Taxation and Finance, J.E. Cairnes School of Business & Economics, National University of Ireland, Galway.

Enda McGuane, Managing Director, Winters Property Management.

Frank Lohan, Managing Director, Lohan Accounting Ltd.

Gillian Buckley, Investment Manager, Western Development Commission.

Hannah Kiely, Managing Director, HC Financial Services.

Ivan McPhillips, Lecturer in Entrepreneurship and Business Management, Galway Mayo Institute of Technology.

James Murphy, CEO, Life's 2 Good.

Johanna Clancy, Registrar, Galway Business School.

John Breslin, Senior Lecturer in Electronic Engineering at the College of Engineering and Information, National University of Ireland, Galway.

John Daly, Ireland Food.

John Feeley, Founder, Rollercoaster.ie and Irishjobs.ie

Liam Hanrahan, Acting Senior Executive Officer, Community & Enterprise Dept, Galway City Council.

Lorraine McIlrath, Coordinator, Community Knowledge Initiative, National University of Ireland, Galway.

Martina Von Richter, Founder, BiBo Lifeskills.

Michelle Whelan Kennedy, Galway Community Counselling.

Michelle Murphy, Regional Manager, Collins McNicholas/Previous BPW Galway President.

Mike Devane, Business Consultant.

Myles McHugh, Professional Coach & Business Advisor.

Dr. Patrick Tobin, Head of Centre, Centre for Creative Arts & Media, Galway Mayo Institute of Technology.

Philip Furlong, Deputy Manager, St. Columba's Credit Union.

Phyllis McNamara, Owner, Cobwebs.

Tom Broderick, Business Consultant.



The SCCUL Enterprise Awards Business Expo

The SCCUL Enterprise Awards Business Expo has grown to be Galway's largest free business trade show and networking event. The SCCUL Awards Business Expo is the only FREE one day event of its kind.

This annual business trade show brings together business owners from all industries to enjoy face to face networking and contact with business mentors, agencies and members of the public. All entrants to the SCCUL Enterprise Awards are encouraged to participate in the SCCUL Enterprise Awards Business Expo. Registration is essential. For more information contact awards@scculenterprises.ie

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