

## NEWS

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### **Junior Chamber invites new members & branches in County Leitrim**

### **Leitrim woman appointed to Junior Chamber Ireland National Executive Board**

At a recent meeting of Junior Chamber Ireland national President Eugene Garvin highlighted a plan to extend an invitation to encourage people to establish new branches in towns nationwide beginning this week. He is now calling on the young people of Leitrim to set up a branch locally.

The Junior Chamber Ireland annual general meeting was attended by Leitrim members last weekend in Galway. This meeting brought representatives of the branches nationwide together to agree on their plan of action for the coming year. Guests of honour were Minister Frank Fahey T.D. and Mayor of Galway, Cllr. Terry O'Flaherty.

A special lunch on Saturday marked the inauguration of the elected officers to the National Executive Board where Norma Duignan from Leitrim Junior Chamber was appointed as Administrative Director. 'I would like to encourage young people to get involved in Junior Chamber, its great to work in a voluntary team with like minded people and we have great fun too,' said Norma.

#### **Set up a branch near you !**

'We are calling on young Leitrim people who think they might be interested in getting involved to contact us. Members come from all sorts of backgrounds - we have a great mix from agriculture, science, education, retail to financial and many others. Junior Chamber creates a great opportunity to network and socialise and to develop personally through training in leadership skills, working on community projects, team building weekends, public speaking competitions and business projects. Frequently people develop life-long friendships as a result of joining Junior Chamber. If there isn't a branch of Junior Chamber near you, your locality is missing out also!,' said Eugene Garvin, a member in Galway for the last seven years.

**Junior Chamber** is a not-for-profit organisation led and co-ordinated by volunteers aged between 18 and 40 and is affiliated to Junior Chamber International which involves over half a million members worldwide. It aims to provide opportunities for the personal development of its members in the form of projects and training. Its objective is to create positive change and contribute to the economic, social and cultural life of the community - locally, nationally and internationally.

Junior Chamber have plans to visit your region soon with an information roadshow, if you are interested in getting involved or helping to set up a new

branch within your town/county we would like to hear from you, simply telephone Rose at 087-2776204 or email [community@juniorchamberireland.org](mailto:community@juniorchamberireland.org) or visit the website [www.juniorchamberireland.org](http://www.juniorchamberireland.org)

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**Junior Chamber Ireland - National Executive Board 2004 – New Officers**

Eugene Garvin, (Galway) President, Jeremy Doyle, (Fingal) Past Presidents, Suzanne Corcoran, (Dun Laoghaire) Treasurer; Norma Duignan, (Carrick-on-Shannon) Administration; MacDara Hosty, (Galway) Business Affairs; Wendy Freaney, (Galway) International Affairs; Helen Flatley, (Galway) Individual Development; Rosemary Dolan, (Galway) Community Development; Fiona Lewis, (Waterford) Regional Development; Audrey Lewis, (Castleknock) Regional Development; Máirín O'Reilly, (Galway) PRO; Karen Sweeney, (Castleknock) Convention.